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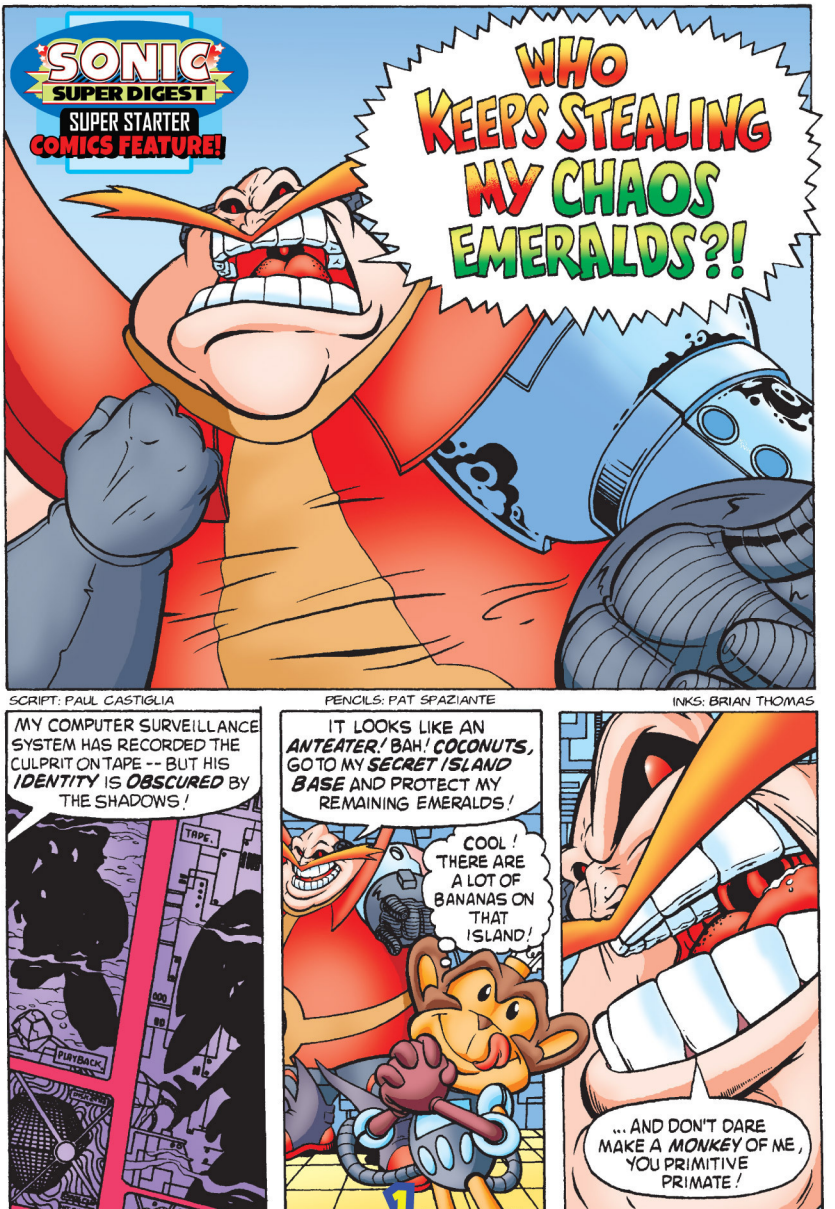
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COMICS FEATURE!
WHO KEEPS STEALING MY CHAOS EMERALDS?!
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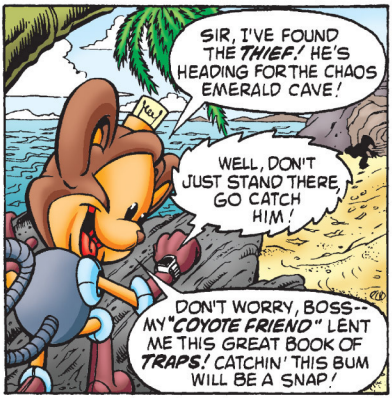
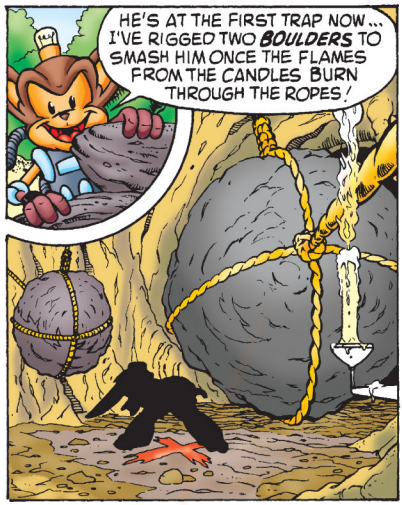
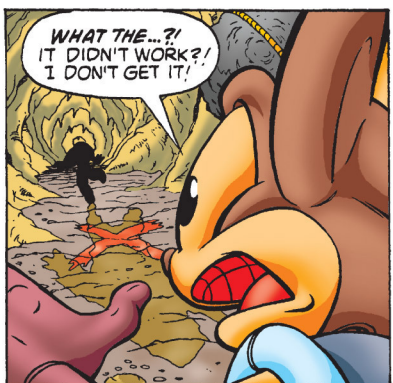
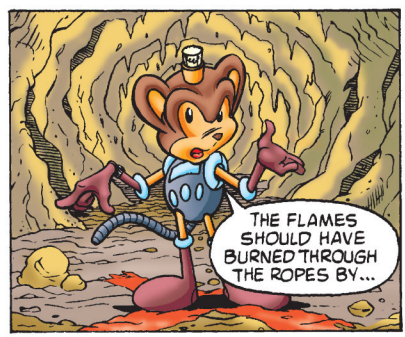
PENCILS: PAT SPAZIANTE
INKS: BRIAN THOMAS
MY COMPUTER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM HAS RECORDED THE CULPRIT ON TAPE -- BUT HIS IDENTITY IS OBSCURED BY THE SHADOWS!
TAPE.
FURYBACK
IT LOOKS LIKE AN ANTEATER! BAH! COCONUTS, GO TO MY SECRET ISLAND BASE AND PROTECT MY REMAINING EMERALDS!
COOL! THERE ARE A LOT OF BANANAS ON THAT ISLAND!
... AND DON'T DARE MAKE A MONKEY OF ME, YOU PRIMITIVE PRIMATE!


SIR, I'VE FOUND THE THIEF! HE'S HEADING FOR THE CHAOS EMERALD CAVE!
WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE, GO CATCH HIM!
DON'T WORRY, BOSS-- MY "COYOTE FRIEND" LENT ME THIS GREAT BOOK OF TRAPS! CATCHIN' THIS BUM WILL BE A SNAP!

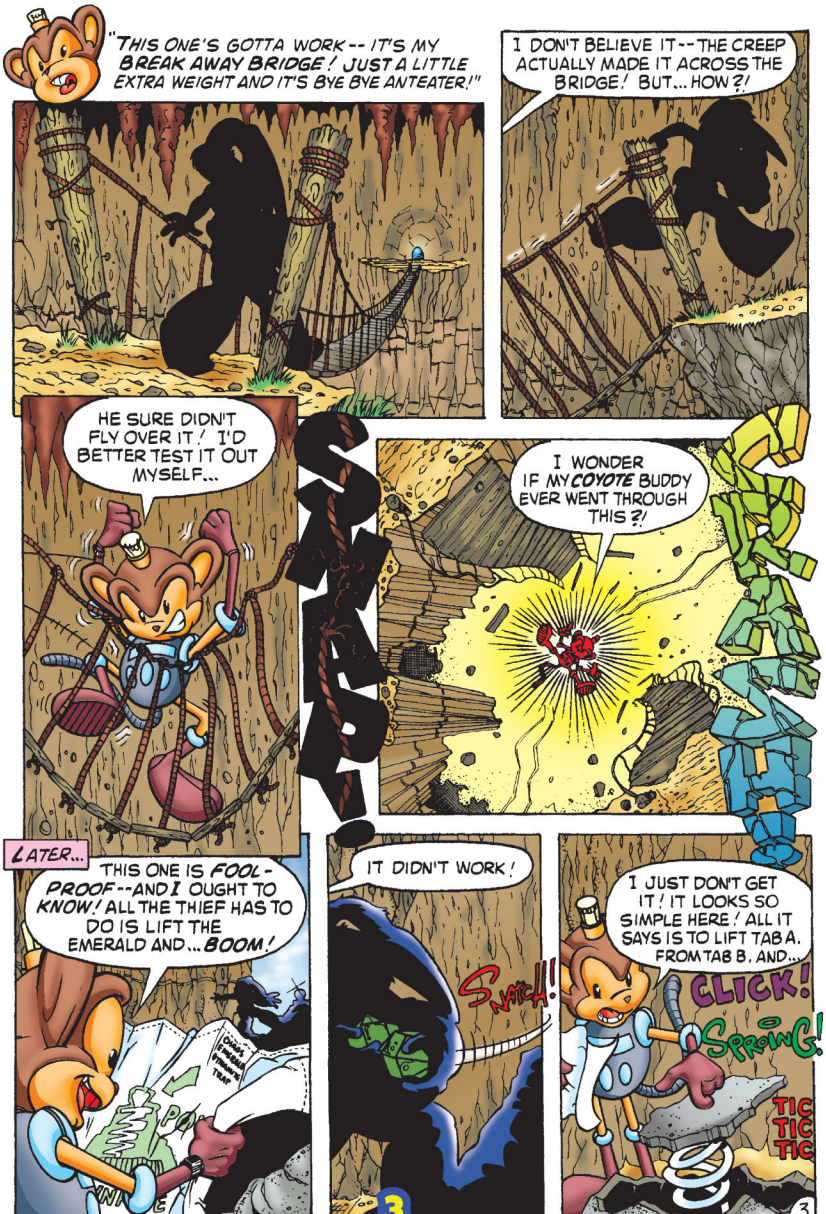

HE'S AT THE FIRST TRAP NOW... I'VE RIGGED TWO BOULDERS TO SMASH HIM ONCE THE FLAMES FROM THE CANDLES BURN THROUGH THE ROPES!


WHAT THE...?! IT DIDN'T WORK?! I DON'T GET IT!


THE FLAMES SHOULD HAVE BURNED THROUGH THE ROPES BY...

SMASH!

...NOW!


"THIS ONE'S GOTTA WORK -- IT'S MY BREAK AWAY BRIDGE! JUST A LITTLE EXTRA WEIGHT AND IT'S BYE BYE ANTEATER!"
I DON'T BELIEVE IT -- THE CREEP ACTUALLY MADE IT ACROSS THE BRIDGE! BUT... HOW?!
HE SURE DIDN'T FLY OVER IT! I'D BETTER TEST IT OUT MYSELF...
I WONDER IF MY COYOTE BUDDY EVER WENT THROUGH THIS?!
SNAP!
LATER...
THIS ONE IS FOOL-PROOF -- AND I OUGHT TO KNOW! ALL THE THIEF HAS TO DO IS LIFT THE EMERALD AND... BOOM!
IT DIDN'T WORK!
SNATCH!!
I JUST DON'T GET IT! IT LOOKS SO SIMPLE HERE! ALL IT SAYS IS TO LIFT TAB A. FROM TAB B. AND...
CLICK!
SPROING!
TIC TIC TIC
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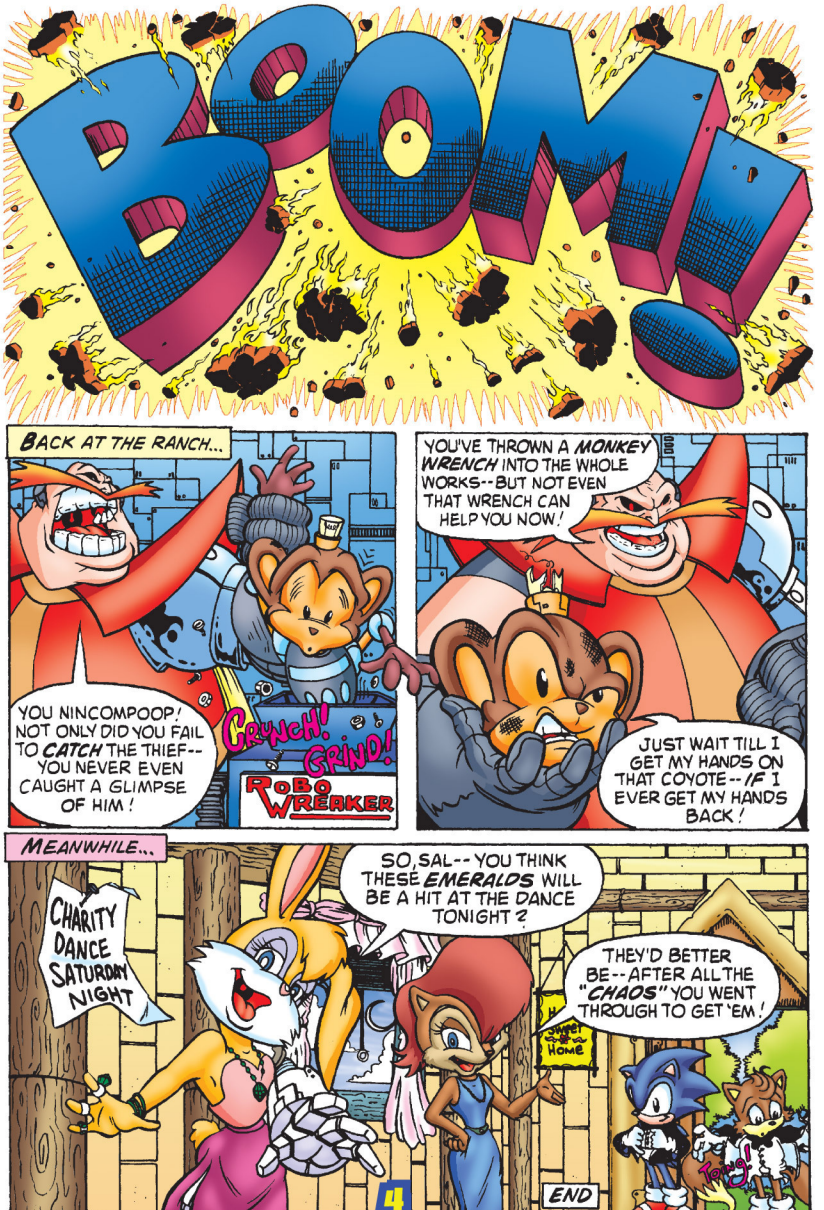
BOOM!
BACK AT THE RANCH...
YOU NINCOMPOOP! NOT ONLY DID YOU FAIL TO CATCH THE THIEF-- YOU NEVER EVEN CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HIM!
CRUNCH! GRIND!
ROBO WRECKER
YOU'VE THROWN A MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE WHOLE WORKS--BUT NOT EVEN THAT WRENCH CAN HELP YOU NOW!
JUST WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT COYOTE--IF I EVER GET MY HANDS BACK!
MEANWHILE...
CHARITY DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT
SO, SAL--YOU THINK THESE EMERALDS WILL BE A HIT AT THE DANCE TONIGHT?
THEY'D BETTER BE--AFTER ALL THE "CHAOS" YOU WENT THROUGH TO GET 'EM!
SWEET HOME
Tails!
END

Robotnik Rules!

SONIC SUPER DIGEST PIN-UP PAGE!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
IN "FORTIFIED"
I TOLD YOU THAT EXPLORING THIS MOUNTAIN WASN'T A GOOD IDEA!
CHILL, SAL! HOW WOULD I KNOW THAT I'D ...OW! SPRAIN MY ANKLE?
ZE PRINCESS IS RIGHT, SONIC! UP HERE WE ARE SITTING ON ZE DUCKS FOR ROBOTNIK!
HUFF-HUFF! ROBOTNIK'S ON HIS WAY, ALL RIGHT. BUT I'M TOO TIRED TO KEEP CLIMBING!
I'M TOO TIRED TO CLIMB OR FLY!
HEY... WHERE'S BUNNIE?

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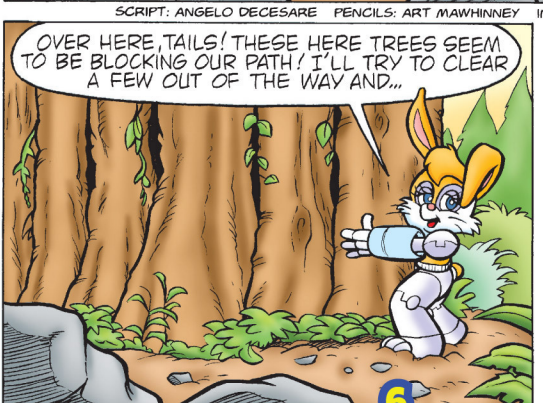
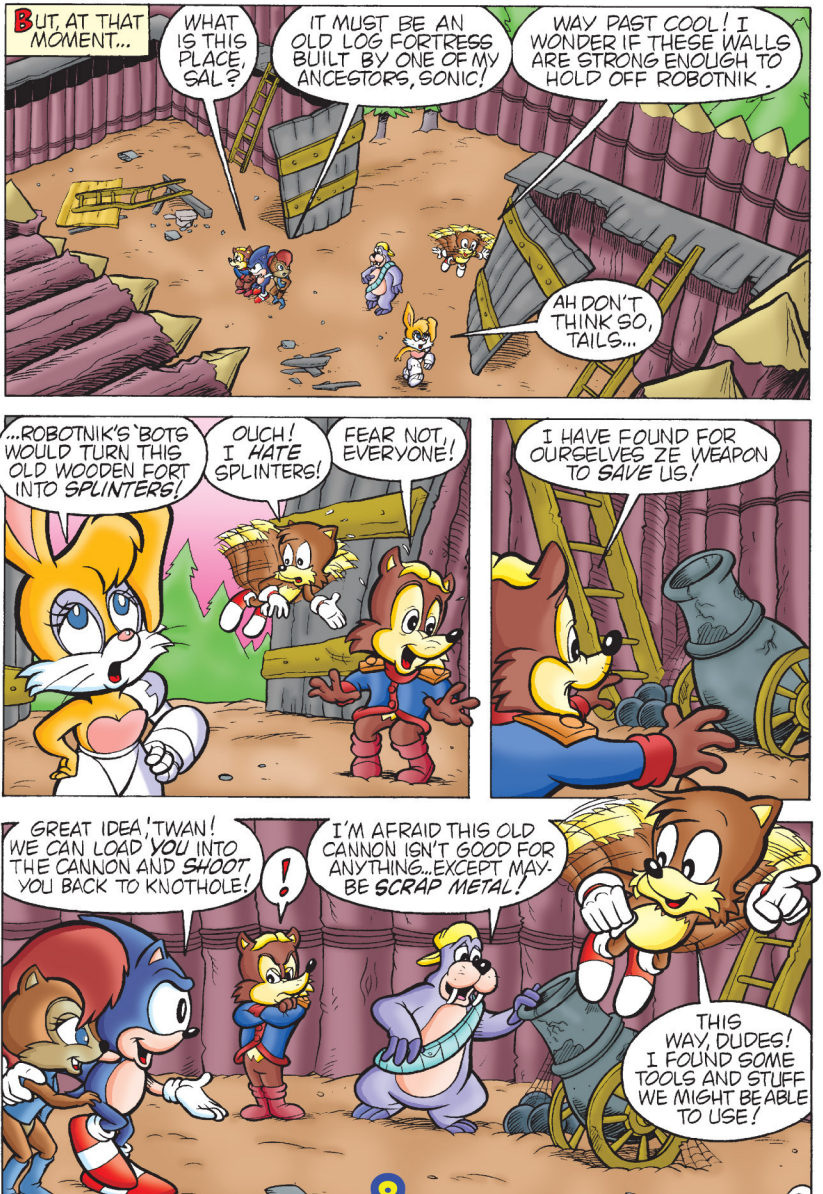


WHILE NOT-SO-FAR DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE...
DRIVE FASTER, SNIVELY, FASTER! SENSORS SHOW THAT THE HEDGEHOG IS MOVING SLOWLY... HE MUST BE INJURED!
WE'RE GOING AS FAST AS WE CAN, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
BOTBUS
...AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO ME!
RRRRUMBLE!
... BUT I'M HAVING TROUBLE AVOIDING THESE LARGE ROCKS!
THE SEAT OF YOUR PANTS WILL HAVE TROUBLE AVOIDING MY LARGE FOOT IF SONIC ESCAPES!
THERE THEY ARE, SIR! HIGHER UP THE MOUNTAIN!
EXCELLENT! TAKE US THERE, SNIVELY!
BOOP!
BOOP!
HERE THEY ARE!
BOOP!
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN RUN FROM ME...
...BUT THIS TIME, THEY CAN'T HIDE!
HSSSS!


BUT, AT THAT MOMENT...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE, SAL?
IT MUST BE AN OLD LOG FORTRESS BUILT BY ONE OF MY ANCESTORS, SONIC!
WAY PAST COOL! I WONDER IF THESE WALLS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD OFF ROBOTNIK.
AH DON'T THINK SO, TAILS...
...ROBOTNIK'S 'BOTS WOULD TURN THIS OLD WOODEN FORT INTO SPLINTERS!
OUCH! I HATE SPLINTERS!
FEAR NOT, EVERYONE!
I HAVE FOUND FOR OURSELVES ZE WEAPON TO SAVE US!
GREAT IDEA, TWAN! WE CAN LOAD YOU INTO THE CANNON AND SHOOT YOU BACK TO KNOTHOLE!
!
I'M AFRAID THIS OLD CANNON ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYTHING...EXCEPT MAYBE SCRAP METAL!
THIS WAY, DUDES! I FOUND SOME TOOLS AND STUFF WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE!

SEE?
HEY! THIS IS AN OLD BLACKSMITH'S WORKSHOP-- YOU KNOW, A PERSON WHO WORKED WITH METAL!
WHAT?! NEVER HEARD OF HIM!
GET SERIOUS, SONIC!
ROBOTNIK'S ON HIS WAY, SO WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE OUR STAND IN THIS FORT... I JUST HOPE IT'S NOT OUR LAST STAND!
THUNK!!
THERE! THE FRONT GATES ARE CLOSED AND LOCKED... FOR NOW!
THANKS, BUNNIE! THE ROBOT HALF OF YOU REALLY COMES IN HANDY SOMETIMES!
RIGHT NOW AH WISH AH WERE ALL ROBOT! WE'D HAVE A BETTER CHANCE AGAINST ROBOTNIK!
HEY... WAIT A SEC!
ROTOR, DO YOU HAVE YOUR POCKET LASER WITH YOU?
SURE, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO BE A DECENT WEAPON!
NO, BUT IT CAN CUT METAL! GET THAT OLD CANNON, TWAN... ROTOR'S GOING TO BE OUR BLACKSMITH!
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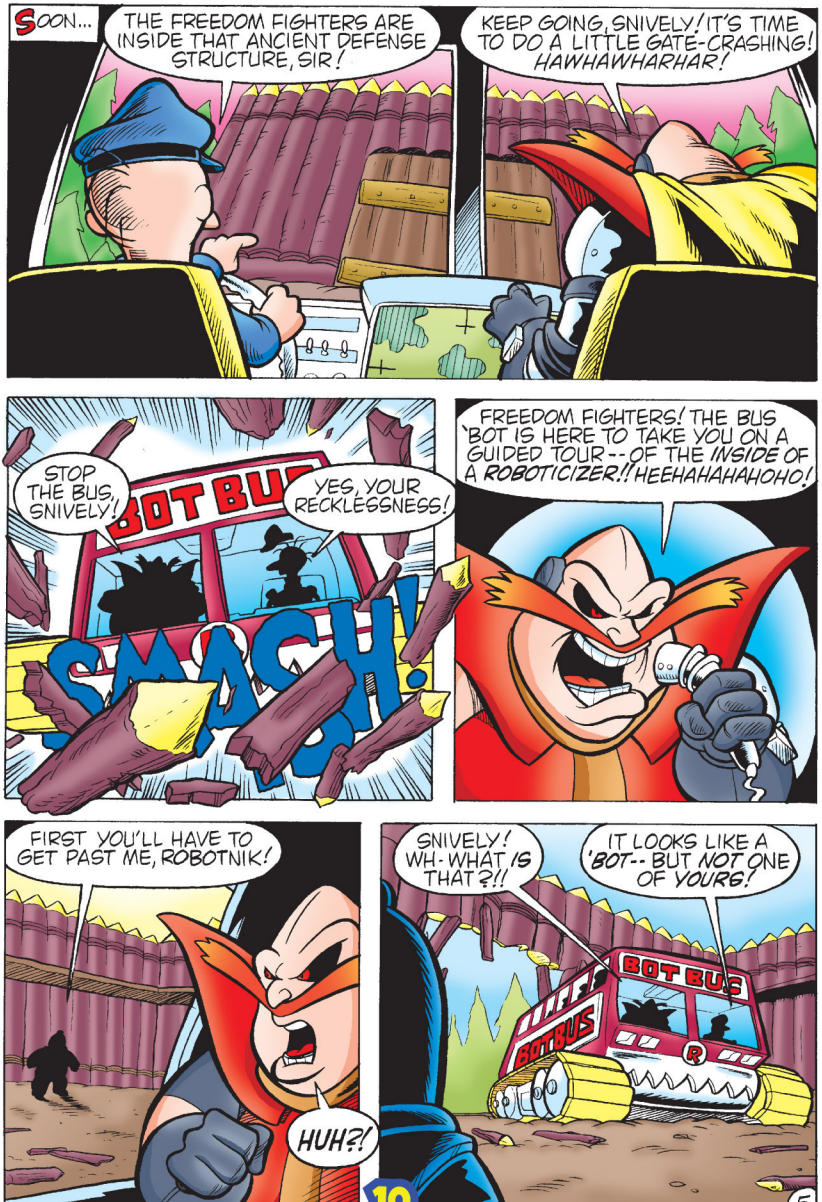
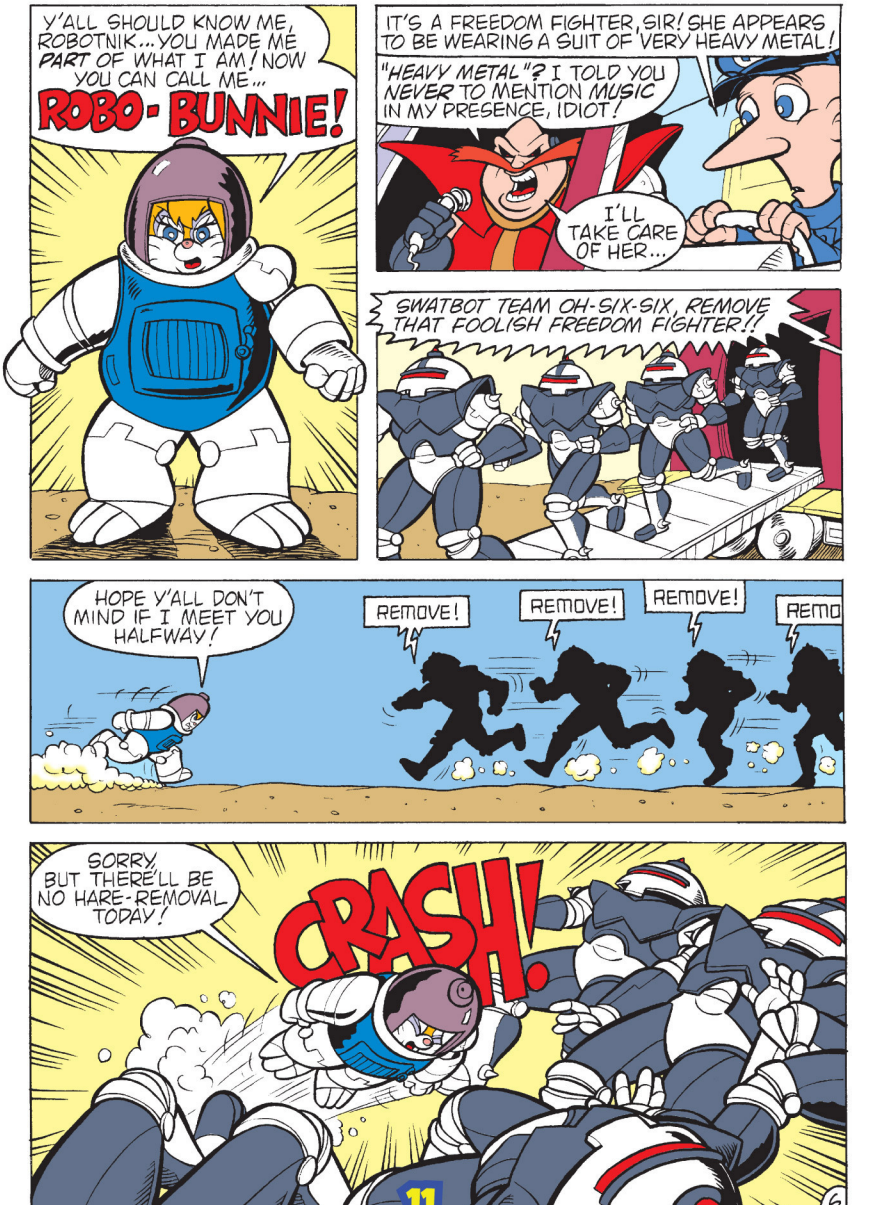

SOON...
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE INSIDE THAT ANCIENT DEFENSE STRUCTURE, SIR!
KEEP GOING, SNIVELY! IT'S TIME TO DO A LITTLE GATE-CRASHING! HAWHAWHARHAR!
STOP THE BUS, SNIVELY!
YES, YOUR RECKLESSNESS!
SMASH!
FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THE BUS 'BOT IS HERE TO TAKE YOU ON A GUIDED TOUR -- OF THE INSIDE OF A ROBOTICIZER!! HEEHAHAHAHOHO!
FIRST YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME, ROBOTNIK!
HUH?!
SNIVELY! WH-WHAT IS THAT?!!
IT LOOKS LIKE A 'BOT -- BUT NOT ONE OF YOURS!
BOT BUS
BOTBUS


Y'ALL SHOULD KNOW ME, ROBOTNIK... YOU MADE ME PART OF WHAT I AM! NOW YOU CAN CALL ME...
ROBO-BUNNIE!
IT'S A FREEDOM FIGHTER, SIR! SHE APPEARS TO BE WEARING A SUIT OF VERY HEAVY METAL!
"HEAVY METAL"? I TOLD YOU NEVER TO MENTION MUSIC IN MY PRESENCE, IDIOT!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER...
SWATBOT TEAM OH-SIX-SIX, REMOVE THAT FOOLISH FREEDOM FIGHTER!!
HOPE Y'ALL DON'T MIND IF I MEET YOU HALFWAY!
REMOVE!
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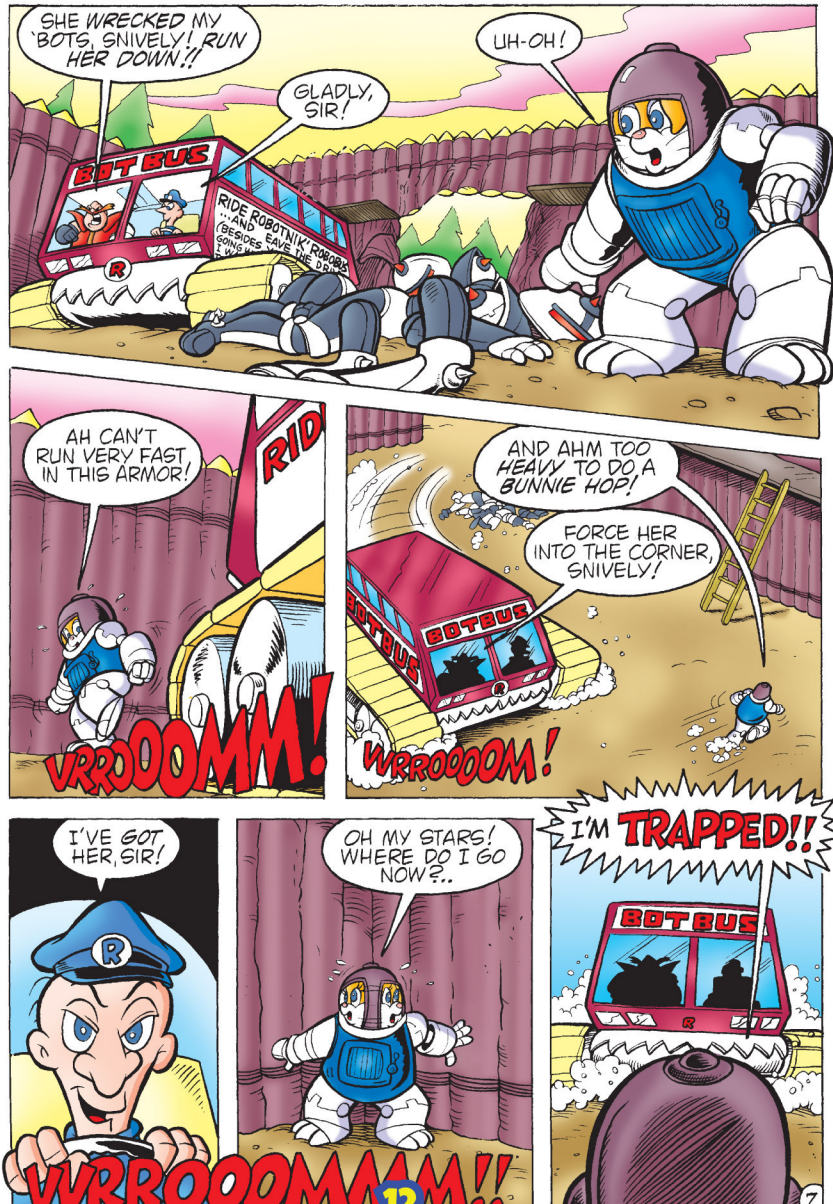
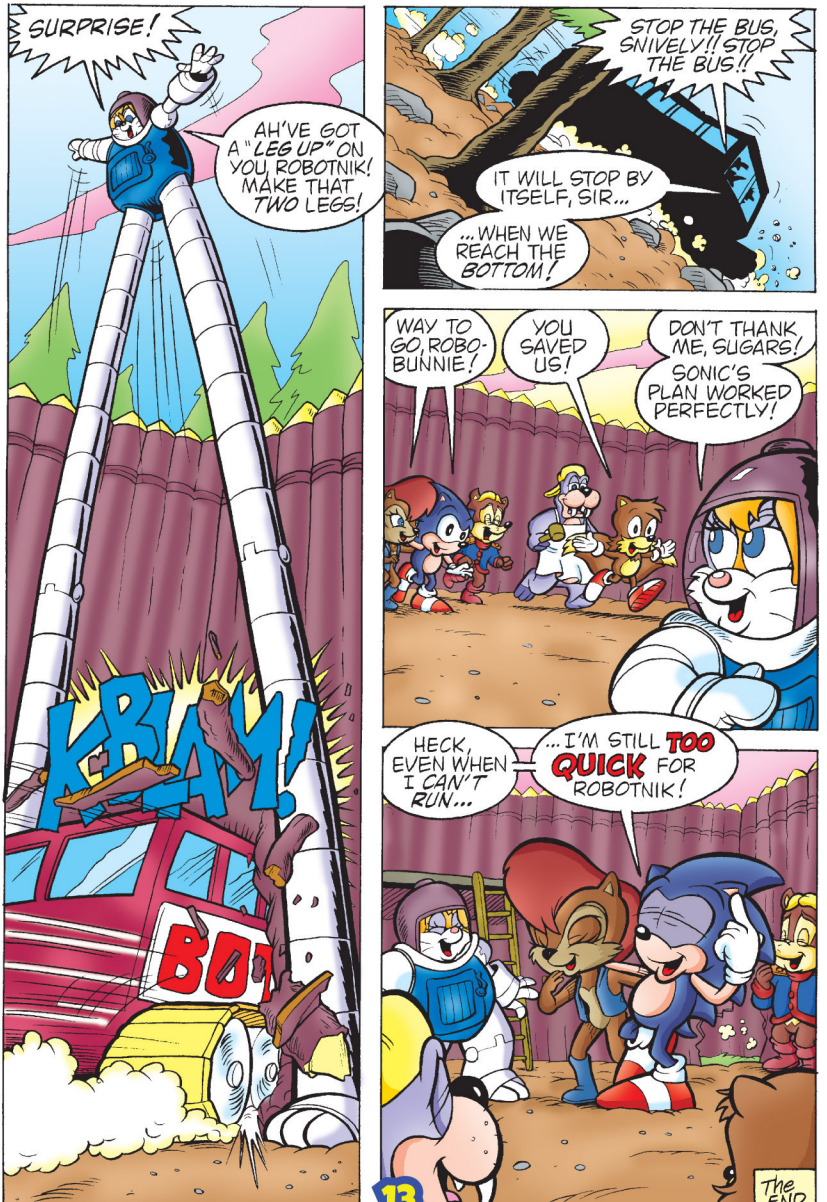
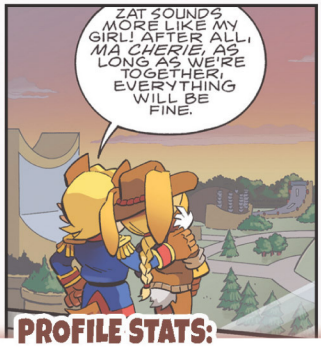
REMO
SORRY, BUT THERE'LL BE NO HARE-REMOVAL TODAY!
CRASH!


SHE WRECKED MY 'BOTS, SNIVELY! RUN HER DOWN!!
GLADLY, SIR!
UH-OH!
BOT BUS
RIDE ROBOTNIK' ROBOTS
AND
(BESIDES
SONIC
AH CAN'T RUN VERY FAST IN THIS ARMOR!
VRROOMM!
AND AHM TOO HEAVY TO DO A BUNNIE HOP!
FORCE HER INTO THE CORNER, SNIVELY!
BOTBUS
WRROOOOM!
I'VE GOT HER, SIR!
OH MY STARS! WHERE DO I GO NOW?..
VVRROOOMMMM!!
I'M TRAPPED!!
BOT BUS


SURPRISE!
AH'VE GOT A "LEG UP" ON YOU, ROBOTNIK! MAKE THAT TWO LEGS!
KRAK!
BOT
STOP THE BUS, SNIVELY!! STOP THE BUS!!
IT WILL STOP BY ITSELF, SIR...
...WHEN WE REACH THE BOTTOM!
WAY TO GO, ROBO-BUNNIE!
YOU SAVED US!
DON'T THANK ME, SUGARS! SONIC'S PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY!
HECK, EVEN WHEN I CAN'T RUN...
...I'M STILL TOO QUICK FOR ROBOTNIK!
The END

MEET BUNNIE AND ANTOINE

Happily Married Heroes!



Bunnie and Antoine grew up on the battlefield, facing numerous trials and tribulations from Bunnie's permanantly roboticized state at the hands of her own malfunctioning body to the death of Antoine's father via poisoning -- until the day came that Antoine, with the help of his pal **Sonic the Hedgehog**, mustered the courage to propose to the love of his life.

Barring the destruction of **Knothole Village** (among other disasters) it was somewhat ironic that their honeymoon was spent on **Cocoa Island** helping Tails, who had grown up enough to come into his own, fight against the destructive **Battlebird Armada**.

Things were going well for the young couple until the evil wizard **Ixis Naugus** used his crystalline magics to deroboticize Bunnie. Immediately following, tragedy struck when Antoine nearly gave his life, in an attempt to save the king from a self-destructing **Metal Sonic**. Bunnie, already feeling fragile, weak and useless from deroboticization, blamed herself for Antoine's subsequent coma and set out for **The Great Desert** -- in hopes of saving her husband, and herself...

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearances:
Antoine D'Coolette: Sonic the Hedgehog #0
Bunnie Rabbot: Sonic the Hedgehog #3

Antoine's Abilities:

* **Swordsmanship:** Excels with the use of numerous sabers.
* **Training:** Antione has limited but formal military training from his father.
* **Pilot:** A seasoned airplane & balloon pilot!

Bunnie's Abilities:

* **Cybernetics:** These feature many useful tools, such as telescopic limbs, jet feet for flying, a transforming arm cannon and an energy shield generator.
* **Martial Artist:** Formally trained in judo.

SONIC SUPER DIGEST

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CLASSIC SONIC COMICS!

Sonic and Uncle Chuck must ponder life's eternal question: "TO BOT OR NOT TO BOT?"

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT!
PART ONE
FFRRRRRZZZZZZAAPP!!
I CAN'T LOOK! TELL ME WHEN IT'S OVER!
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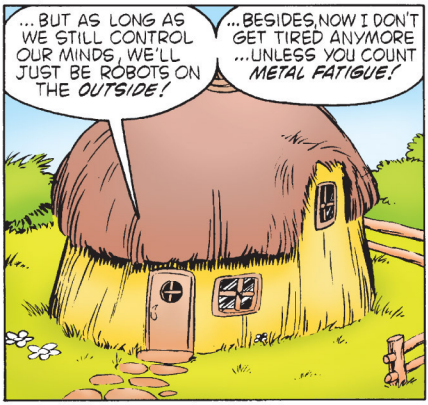
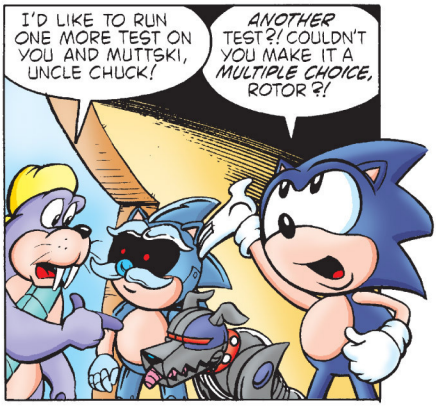
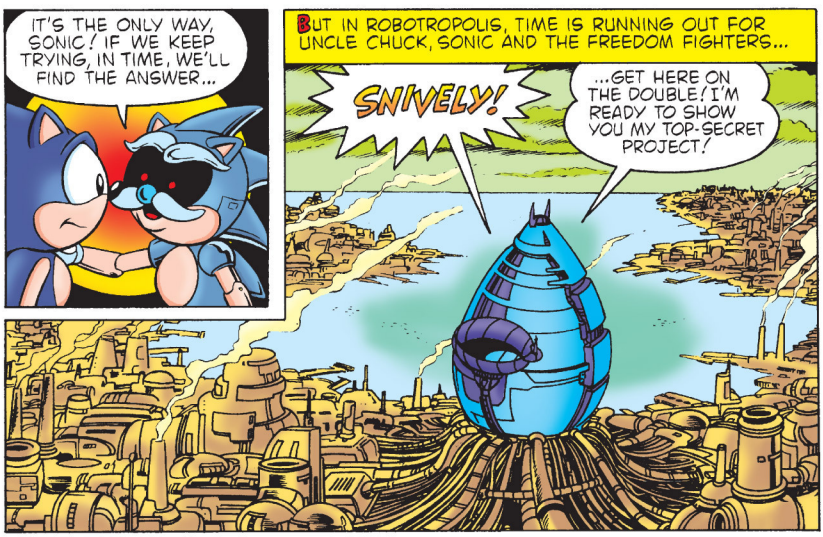
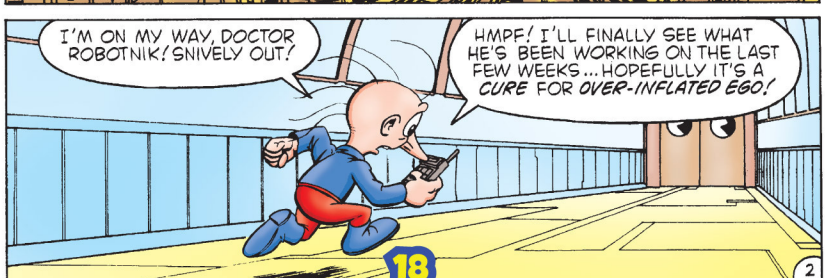
SORRY, SONIC! THE DE-ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS DIDN'T WORK! UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE STILL ROBOTS!
OH, MAN!
ROBOTNIK'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DE-ROBOTICIZE US NOW, NEPHEW...

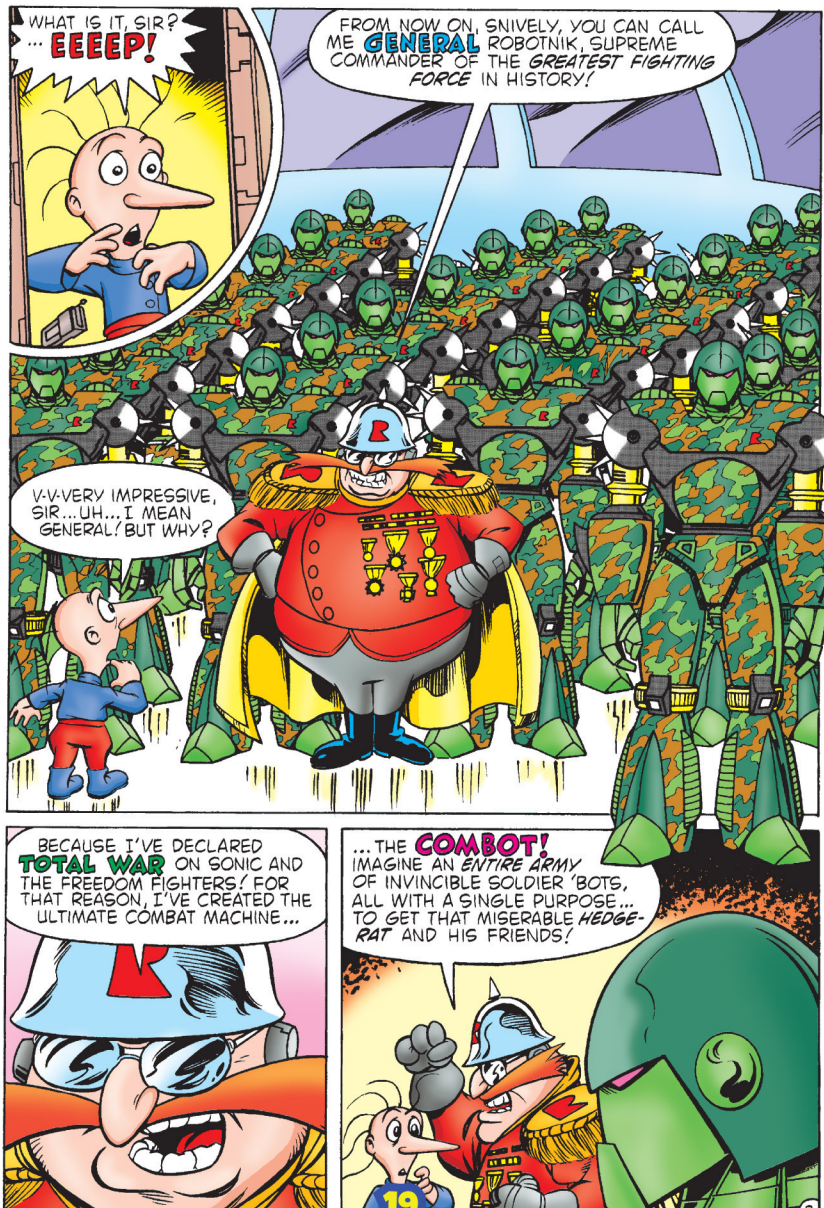

...BUT AS LONG AS WE STILL CONTROL OUR MINDS, WE'LL JUST BE ROBOTS ON THE *OUTSIDE!*
...BESIDES, NOW I DON'T GET TIRED ANYMORE ...UNLESS YOU COUNT *METAL FATIGUE!*

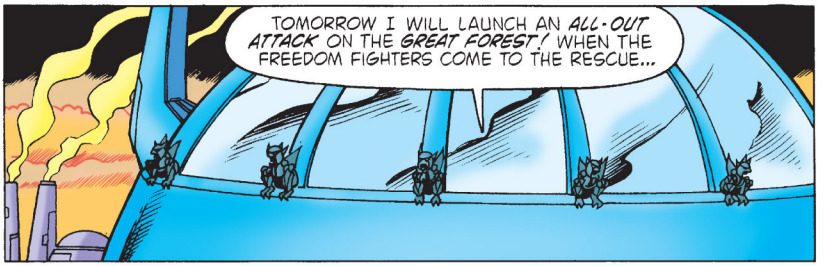

I'D LIKE TO RUN ONE MORE TEST ON YOU AND MUTTSKI, UNCLE CHUCK!
ANOTHER TEST?! COULDN'T YOU MAKE IT A *MULTIPLE CHOICE,* ROTOR?!

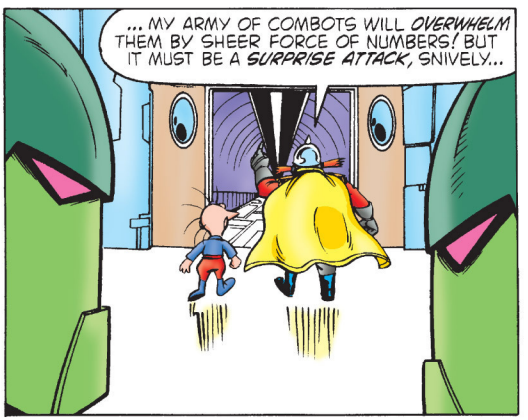
IT'S THE ONLY WAY, SONIC! IF WE KEEP TRYING, IN TIME, WE'LL FIND THE ANSWER...

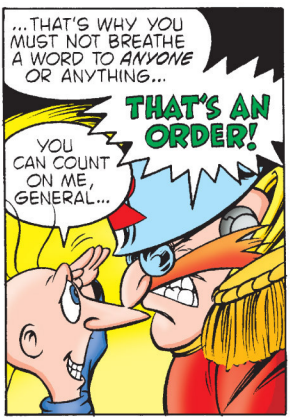

BUT IN ROBOTROPOLIS, TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR UNCLE CHUCK, SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
SNIVELY!
...GET HERE ON THE DOUBLE! I'M READY TO SHOW YOU MY TOP-SECRET PROJECT!

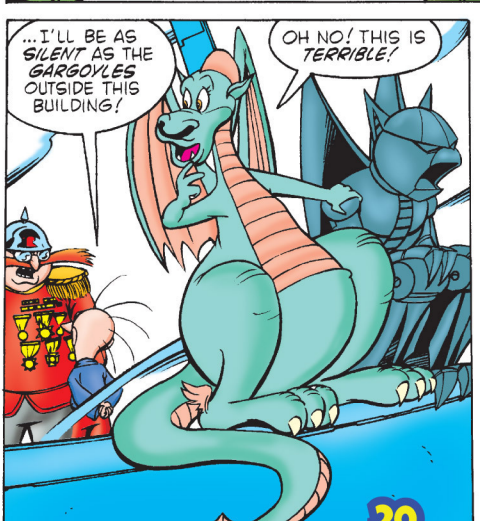

I'M ON MY WAY, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! SNIVELY OUT!
HMPF! I'LL FINALLY SEE WHAT HE'S BEEN WORKING ON THE LAST FEW WEEKS... HOPEFULLY IT'S A *CURE* FOR *OVER-INFLATED EGO!*

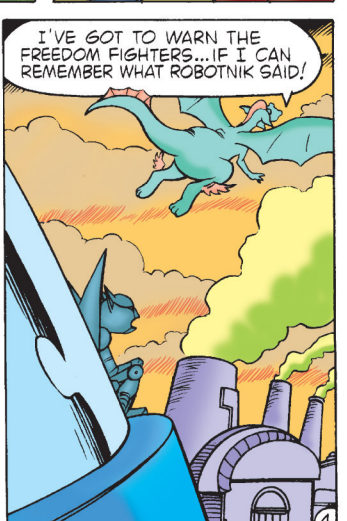

WHAT IS IT, SIR? ... EEEEP!
FROM NOW ON, SNIVELY, YOU CAN CALL ME GENERAL ROBOTNIK, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE GREATEST FIGHTING FORCE IN HISTORY!
V-V-VERY IMPRESSIVE, SIR... UH... I MEAN GENERAL! BUT WHY?
BECAUSE I'VE DECLARED TOTAL WAR ON SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! FOR THAT REASON, I'VE CREATED THE ULTIMATE COMBAT MACHINE...
...THE COMBOT! IMAGINE AN ENTIRE ARMY OF INVINCIBLE SOLDIER 'BOTS, ALL WITH A SINGLE PURPOSE... TO GET THAT MISERABLE HEDGE-RAT AND HIS FRIENDS!

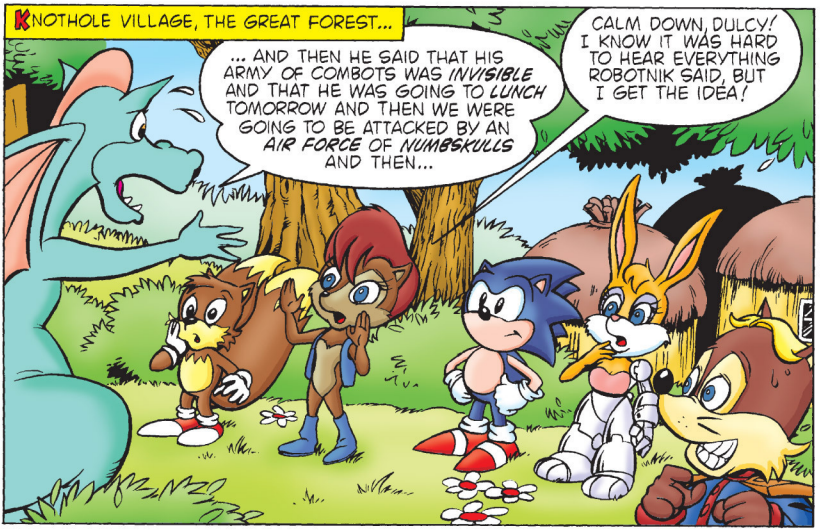

TOMORROW I WILL LAUNCH AN *ALL-OUT ATTACK* ON THE *GREAT FOREST*! WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COME TO THE RESCUE...


... MY ARMY OF COMBOTS WILL *OVERWHELM* THEM BY SHEER FORCE OF NUMBERS! BUT IT MUST BE A *SURPRISE ATTACK*, SNIVELY...

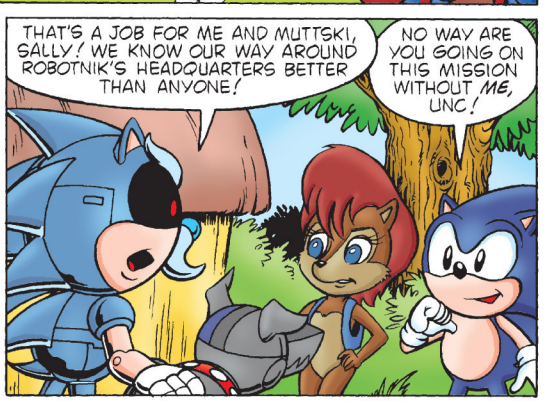

...THAT'S WHY YOU MUST NOT BREATHE A WORD TO *ANYONE* OR ANYTHING...
THAT'S AN ORDER!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, GENERAL...


...I'LL BE AS *SILENT* AS THE *GARGOYLES* OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING!
OH NO! THIS IS *TERRIBLE!*


I'VE GOT TO WARN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...IF I CAN REMEMBER WHAT ROBOTNIK SAID!

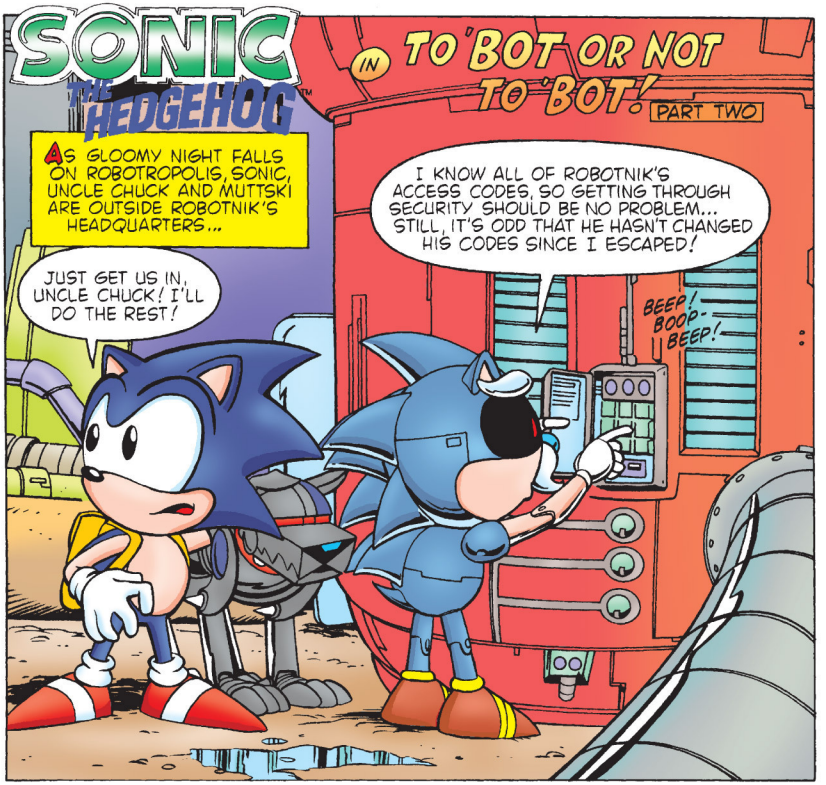

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE GREAT FOREST...
... AND THEN HE SAID THAT HIS ARMY OF COMBOTS WAS *INVISIBLE* AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO *LUNCH* TOMORROW AND THEN WE WERE GOING TO BE ATTACKED BY AN *AIR FORCE* OF *NUMBSKULLS* AND THEN...
CALM DOWN, DULCY! I KNOW IT WAS HARD TO HEAR EVERYTHING ROBOTNIK SAID, BUT I GET THE IDEA!

WE'VE GOT TO *DESTROY* THE ARMY OF COMBOTS WHILE THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER IN *ONE PLACE!*


THAT'S A JOB FOR ME AND MUTTSKI, SALLY! WE KNOW OUR WAY AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS BETTER THAN ANYONE!
NO WAY ARE YOU GOING ON THIS MISSION WITHOUT *ME*, UNC!

AGREED! THE THREE OF YOU WILL LEAVE FOR ROBOTROPOLIS IMMEDIATELY! GOOD LUCK!
LET'S GO, NEPHEW...

... AND BE ON YOUR GUARD! WE COULD BE DOING *EXACTLY* WHAT ROBOTNIK **WANTS** US TO DO!
END OF PART ONE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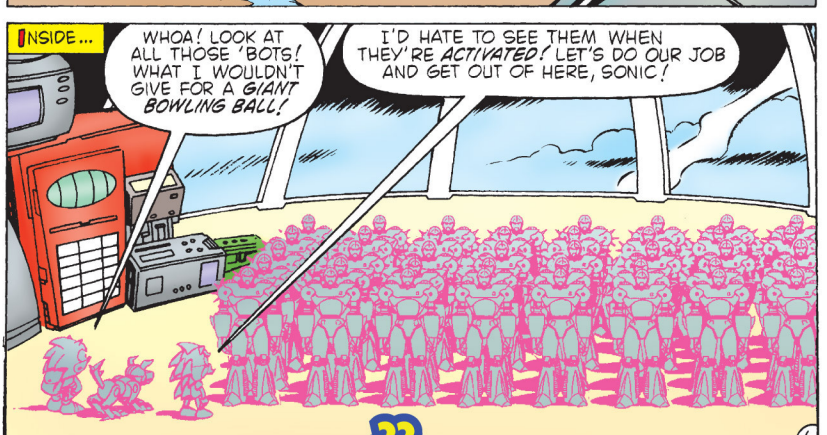
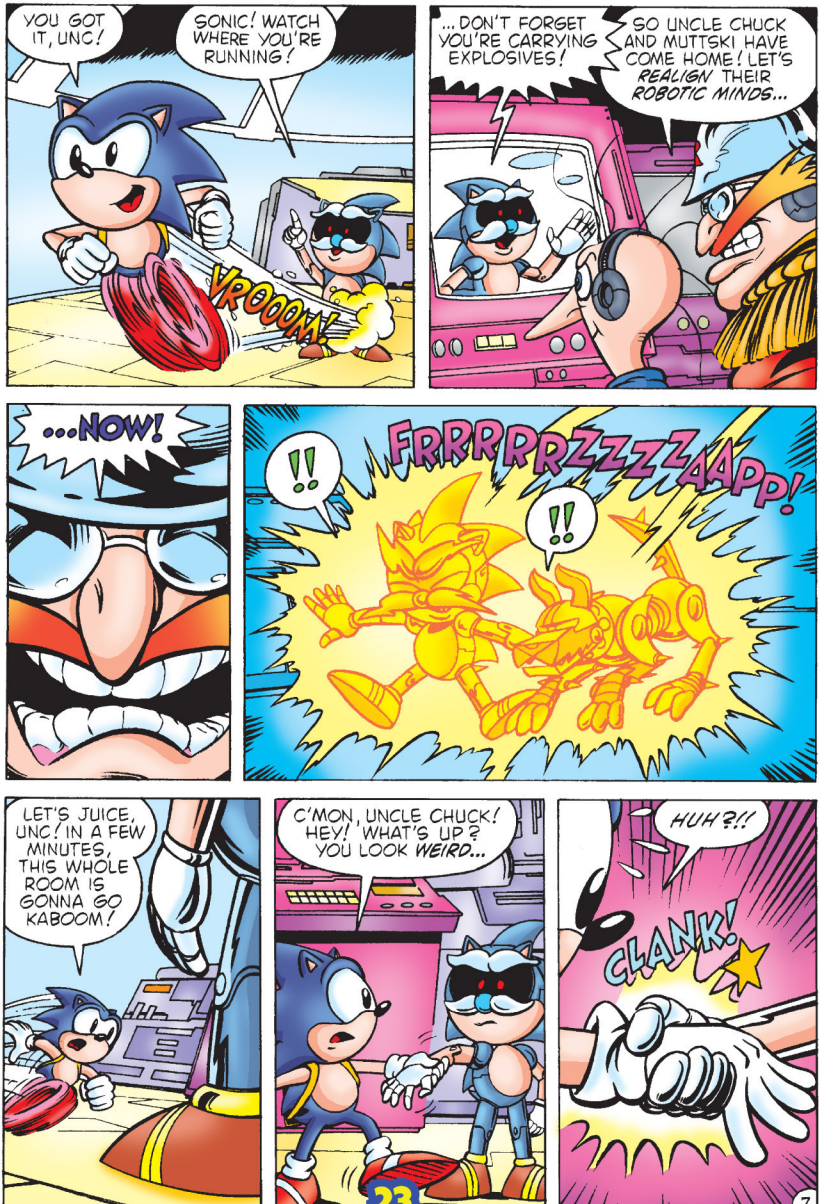
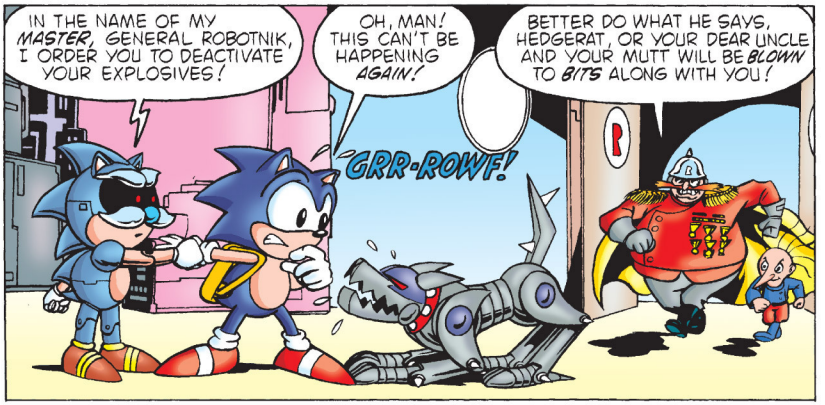
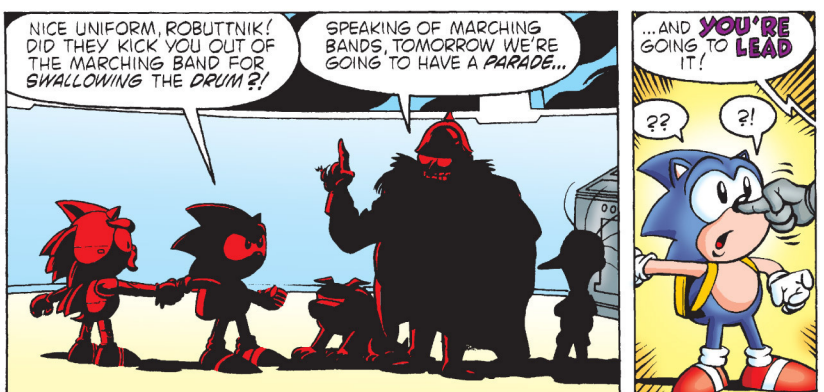
IN TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT!
PART TWO
AS GLOOMY NIGHT FALLS ON ROBOTROPOLIS, SONIC, UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE OUTSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...
JUST GET US IN, UNCLE CHUCK! I'LL DO THE REST!
I KNOW ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S ACCESS CODES, SO GETTING THROUGH SECURITY SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM... STILL, IT'S ODD THAT HE HASN'T CHANGED HIS CODES SINCE I ESCAPED!
BEEP! BOOP- BEEP!


INSIDE...
WHOA! LOOK AT ALL THOSE 'BOTS! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A GIANT BOWLING BALL!
I'D HATE TO SEE THEM WHEN THEY'RE ACTIVATED! LET'S DO OUR JOB AND GET OUT OF HERE, SONIC!


YOU GOT IT, UNC!
SONIC! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE RUNNING!
VROOOM!
...DON'T FORGET YOU'RE CARRYING EXPLOSIVES!
SO UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI HAVE COME HOME! LET'S REALIGN THEIR ROBOTIC MINDS...
...NOW!
!!
FRRRRRZZZZAAPP!
!!
LET'S JUICE, UNC! IN A FEW MINUTES, THIS WHOLE ROOM IS GONNA GO KABOOM!
C'MON, UNCLE CHUCK! HEY! WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK WEIRD...
HUH?!!
CLANK!


IN THE NAME OF MY MASTER, GENERAL ROBOTNIK, I ORDER YOU TO DEACTIVATE YOUR EXPLOSIVES!
OH, MAN! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING AGAIN!
GRR-ROWF!
BETTER DO WHAT HE SAYS, HEDGERAT, OR YOUR DEAR UNCLE AND YOUR MUTT WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS ALONG WITH YOU!


NICE UNIFORM, ROBUTTNIK! DID THEY KICK YOU OUT OF THE MARCHING BAND FOR SWALLOWING THE DRUM?!
SPEAKING OF MARCHING BANDS, TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARADE...
...AND YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD IT!
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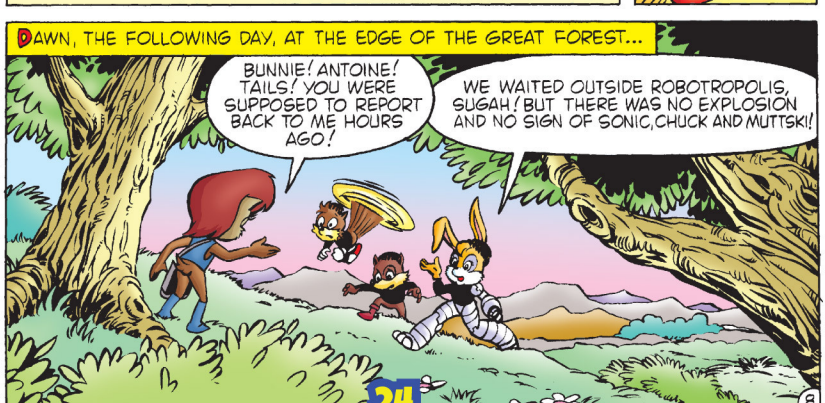
DAWN, THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST...
BUNNIE! ANTOINE! TAILS! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO REPORT BACK TO ME HOURS AGO!
WE WAITED OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS, SUGAH! BUT THERE WAS NO EXPLOSION AND NO SIGN OF SONIC, CHUCK AND MUTTSKI!

SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG! PERHAPS THEY WERE CAPTURED!
I WAS ABOUT TO GO LOOK FOR ZEM, PRINCESS, BUT I HEARD ZE LOUD, MYSTERIOUS NOISE!
THAT WAS YOUR KNEES KNOCKING, ANTOINE!
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT IN THE DISTANCE?
?
?!
OH NO! ROBOTNIK'S ARMY IS ON THE MARCH ...AND THEY'VE TAKEN SONIC PRISONER!
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE YOUR FRIENDS DON'T ATTACK US, HEDGEHOG!
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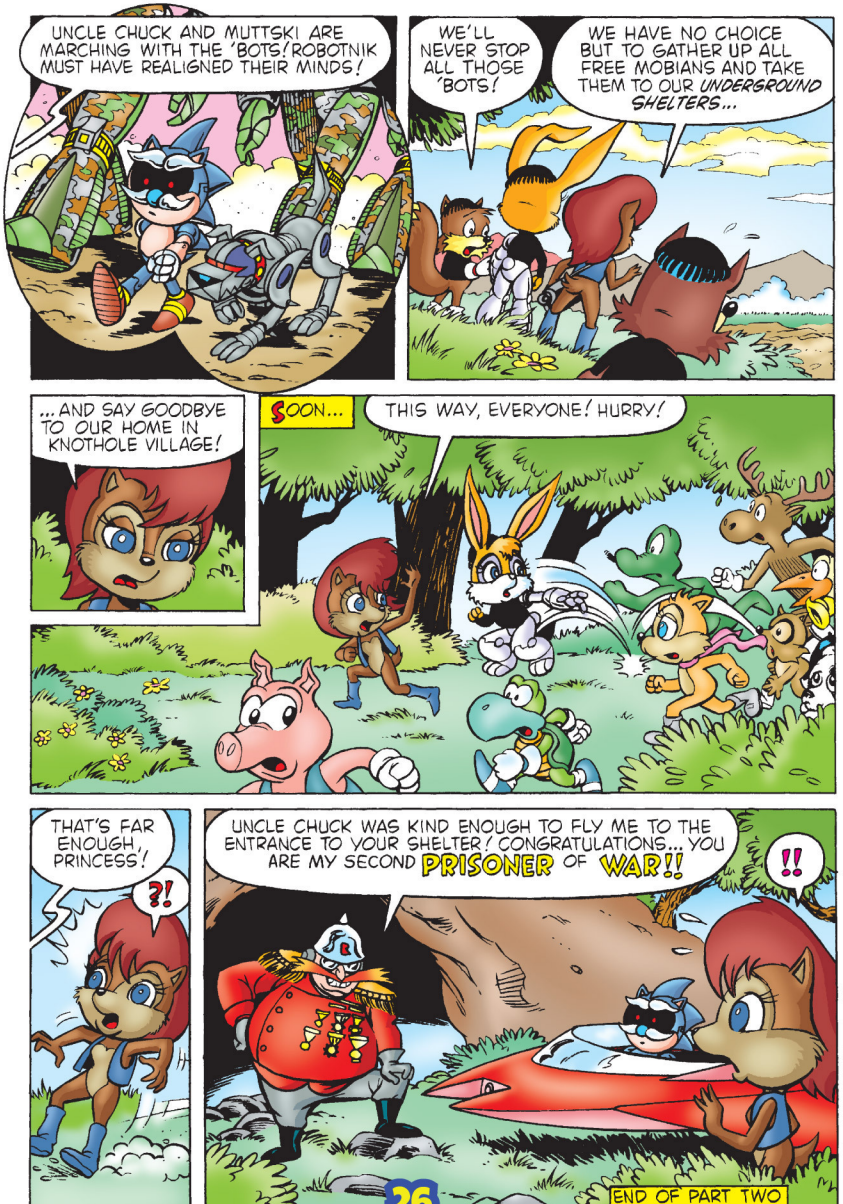
UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE MARCHING WITH THE 'BOTS! ROBOTNIK MUST HAVE REALIGNED THEIR MINDS!
WE'LL NEVER STOP ALL THOSE 'BOTS!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GATHER UP ALL FREE MOBIANS AND TAKE THEM TO OUR UNDERGROUND SHELTERS...
...AND SAY GOODBYE TO OUR HOME IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
SOON...
THIS WAY, EVERYONE! HURRY!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, PRINCESS!
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UNCLE CHUCK WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FLY ME TO THE ENTRANCE TO YOUR SHELTER! CONGRATULATIONS... YOU ARE MY SECOND PRISONER OF WAR!!
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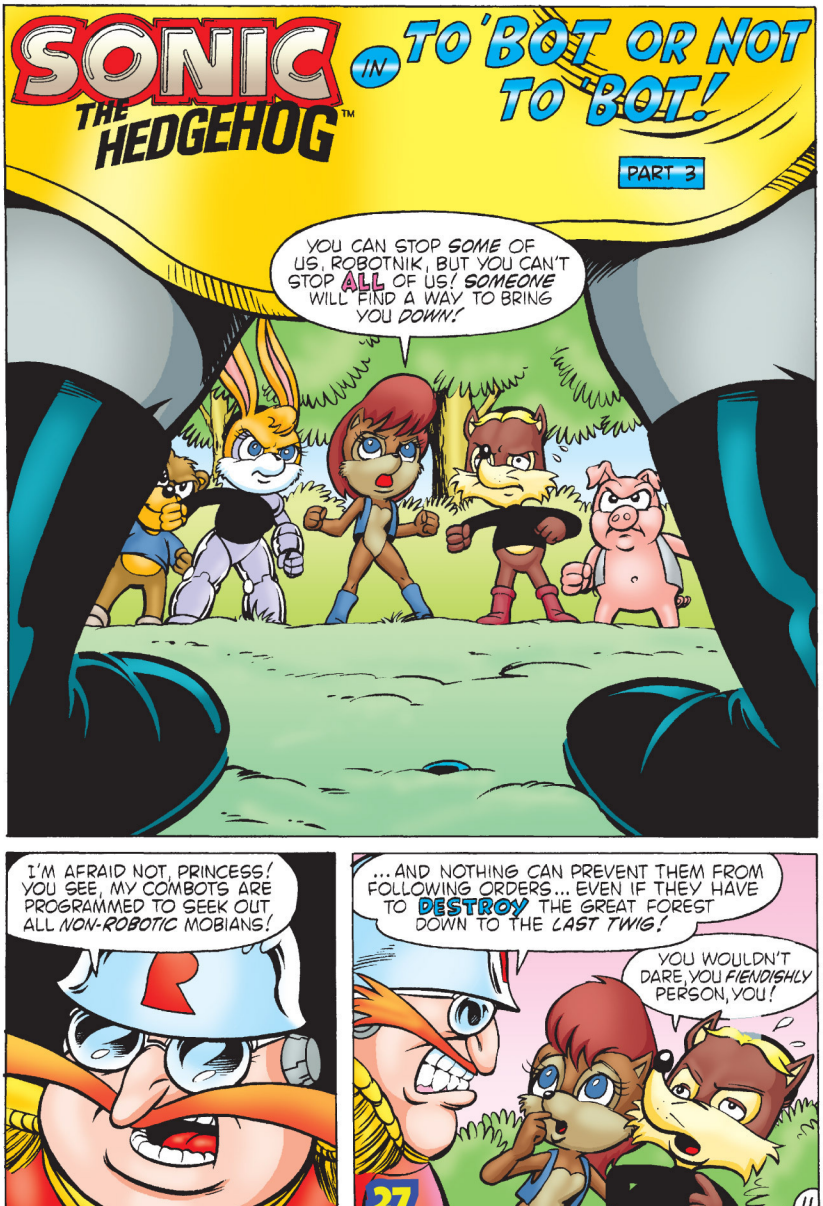
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IN TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT!
PART 3
YOU CAN STOP SOME OF US, ROBOTNIK, BUT YOU CAN'T STOP ALL OF US! SOMEONE WILL FIND A WAY TO BRING YOU DOWN!
I'M AFRAID NOT, PRINCESS! YOU SEE, MY COMBOTS ARE PROGRAMMED TO SEEK OUT ALL NON-ROBOTIC MOBIANS!
...AND NOTHING CAN PREVENT THEM FROM FOLLOWING ORDERS... EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO DESTROY THE GREAT FOREST DOWN TO THE LAST TWIG!
YOU WOULDN'T DARE, YOU FIENDISHLY PERSON, YOU!
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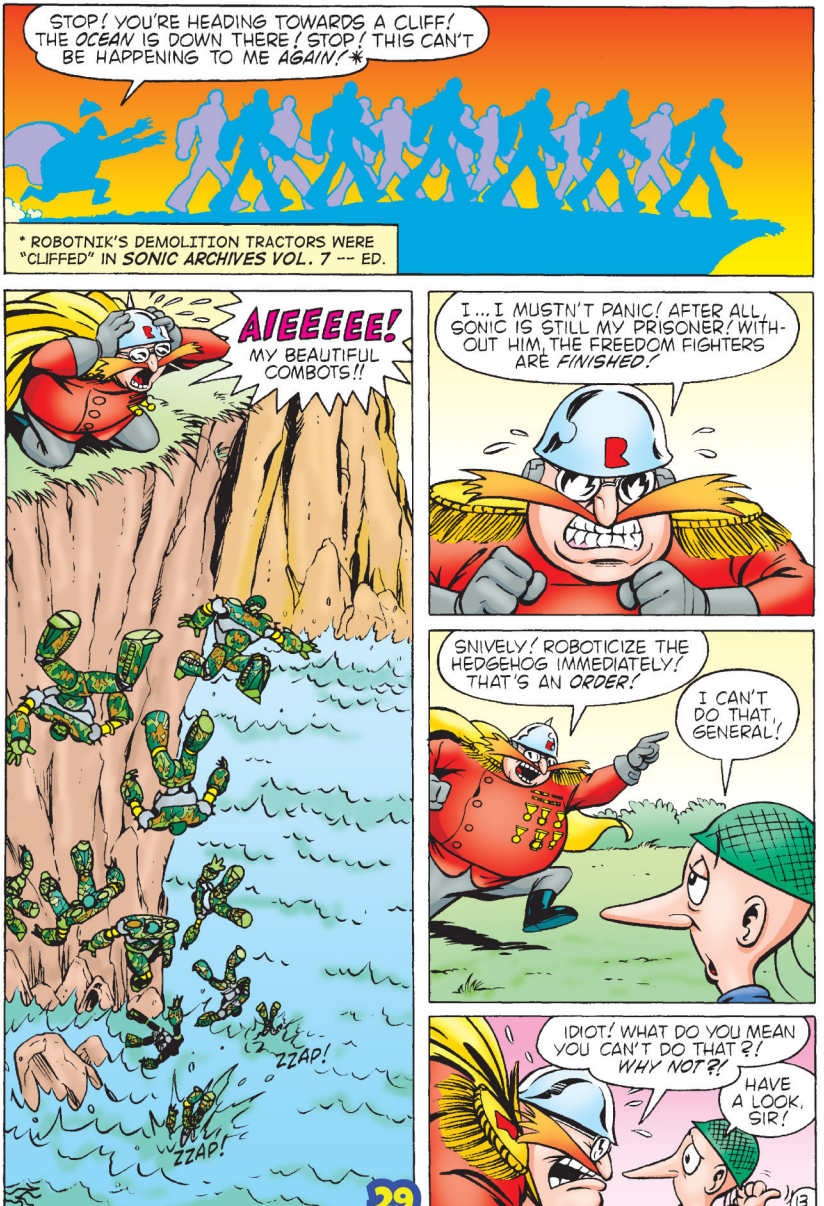
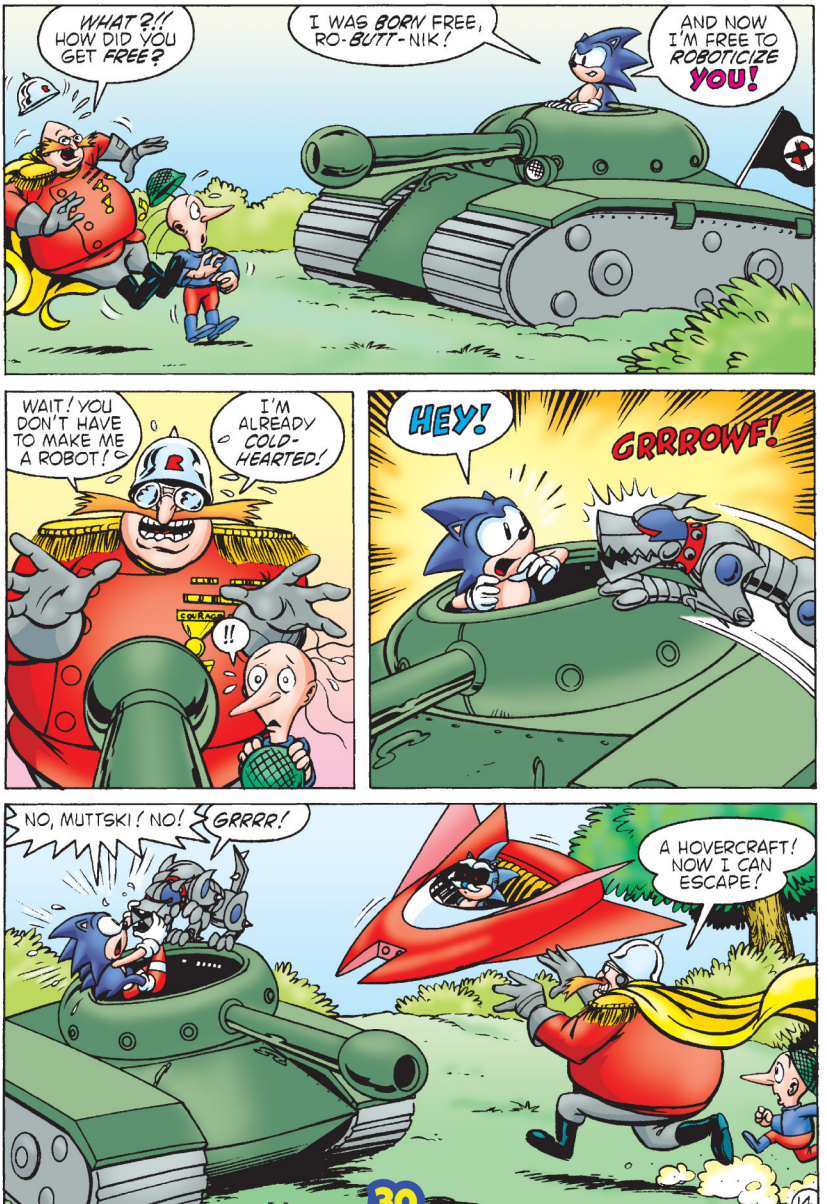
OH, WOULDN'T I? COMBOTS! I, YOUR IMPERIAL LEADER, COMMAND YOU TO REMOVE ALL MOBIANS FROM THE GREAT FOREST... EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DESTROY IT!
WHEN THEY'RE DONE MARCHING THROUGH YOUR GREAT FOREST, YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE LATE FOREST! HAWHAW!
UH... PERHAPS NOT, DOCTOR ...ER, SIR... UH, I MEAN GENERAL!
BE QUIET, SNIVELY! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M... I'M... I'M...
NO! YOU'RE MARCHING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION! THE FOREST IS THIS WAY!
STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!


STOP! YOU'RE HEADING TOWARDS A CLIFF! THE OCEAN IS DOWN THERE! STOP! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME AGAIN!*
* ROBOTNIK'S DEMOLITION TRACTORS WERE "CLIFFED" IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7 -- ED.
AIEEEEE!
MY BEAUTIFUL COMBOTS!!
ZZAP!
ZZAP!
I ... I MUSTN'T PANIC! AFTER ALL, SONIC IS STILL MY PRISONER! WITHOUT HIM, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE FINISHED!
SNIVELY! ROBOTICIZE THE HEDGEHOG IMMEDIATELY! THAT'S AN ORDER!
I CAN'T DO THAT, GENERAL!
IDIOT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T DO THAT?! WHY NOT?!
HAVE A LOOK, SIR!


WHAT?!! HOW DID YOU GET FREE?
I WAS BORN FREE, RO-BUTT-NIK!
AND NOW I'M FREE TO ROBOTICIZE YOU!
WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ME A ROBOT!
I'M ALREADY COLD-HEARTED!
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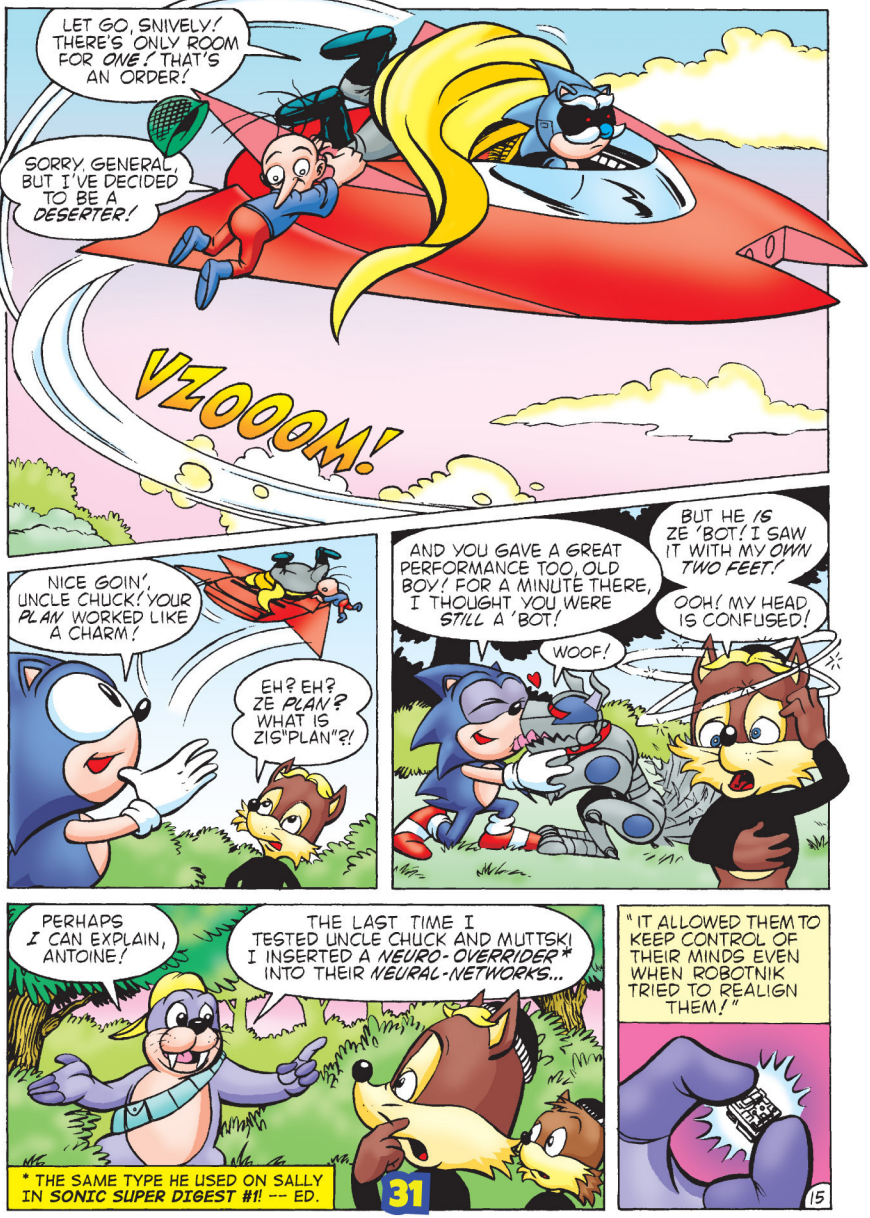
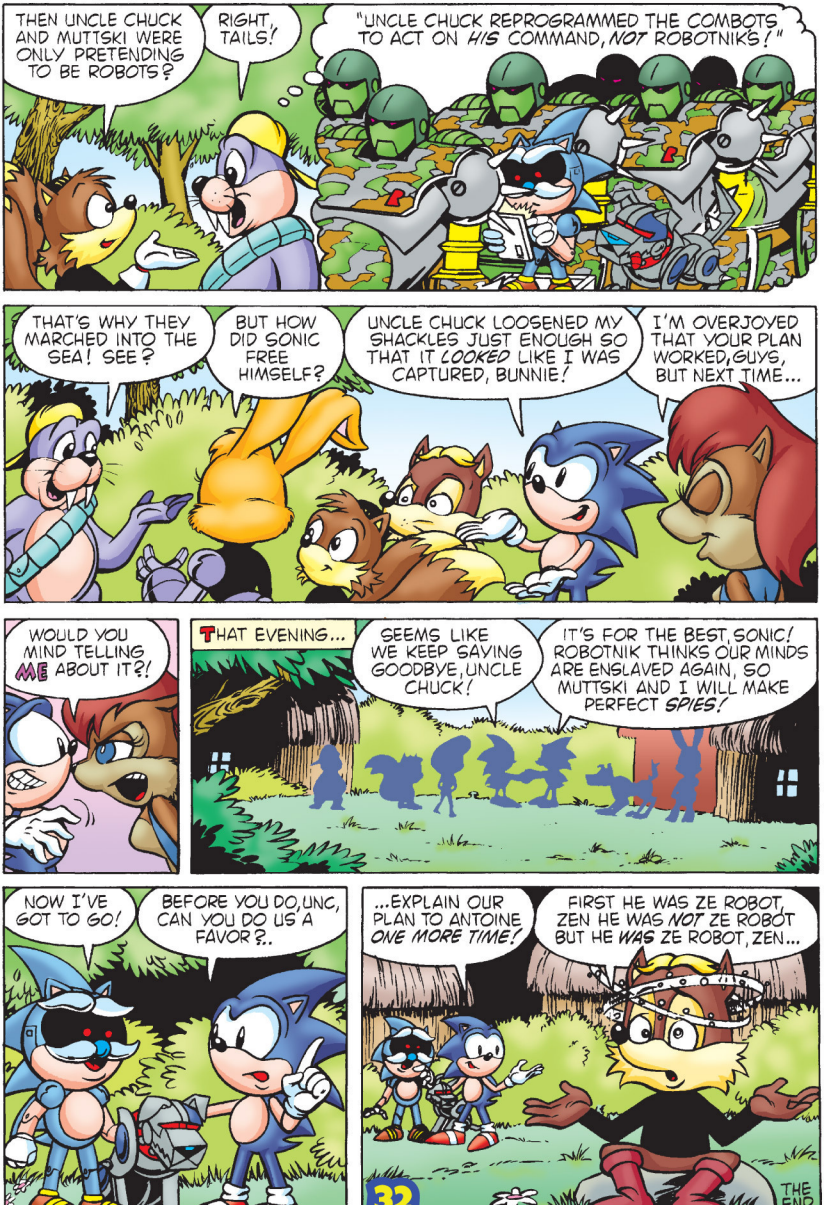
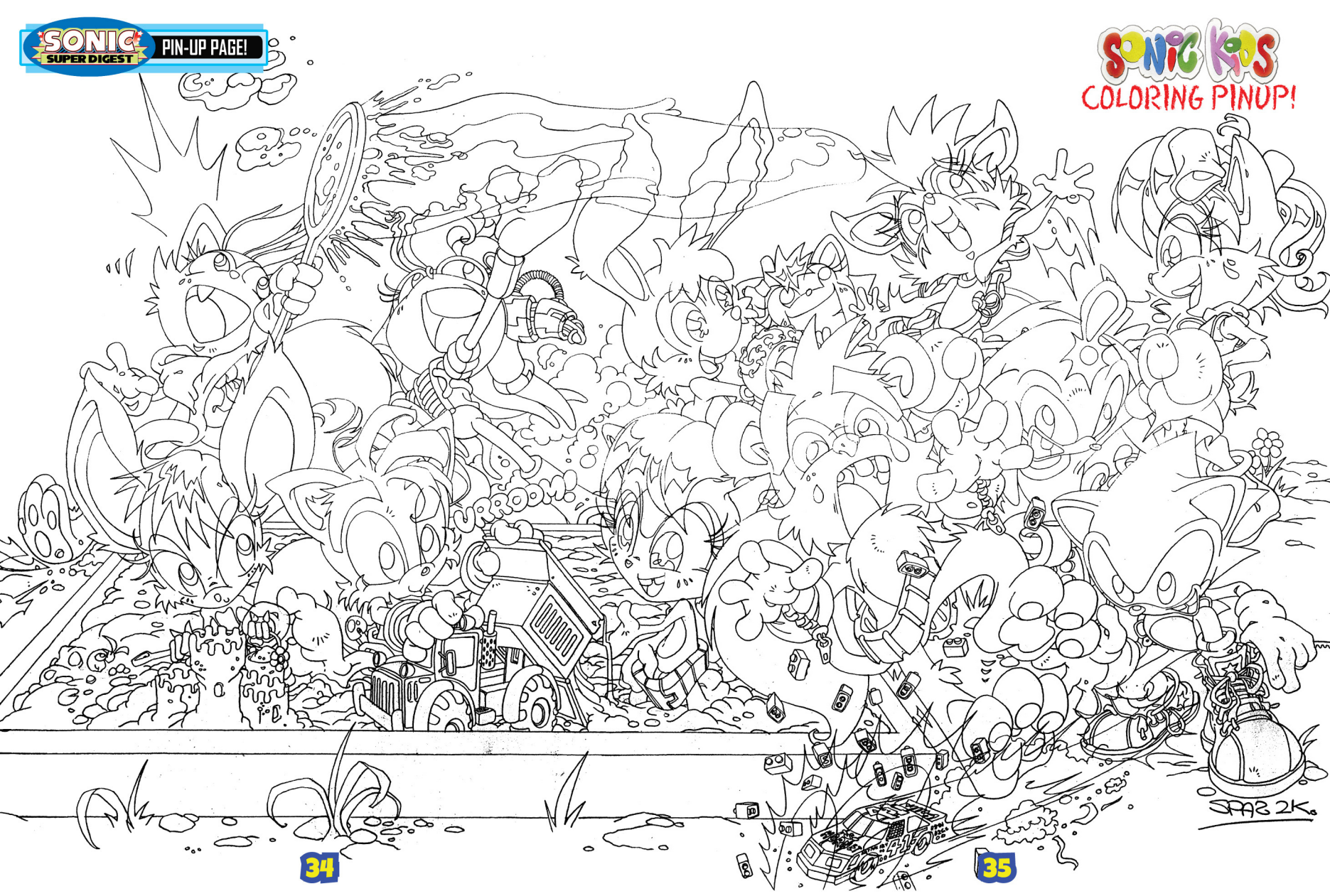
HEY!
GRRROWF!
NO, MUTTSKI! NO!
GRRRR!
A HOVERCRAFT! NOW I CAN ESCAPE!


LET GO, SNIVELY! THERE'S ONLY ROOM FOR ONE! THAT'S AN ORDER!
SORRY, GENERAL, BUT I'VE DECIDED TO BE A DESERTER!
VZOOOM!
NICE GOIN', UNCLE CHUCK! YOUR PLAN WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
EH? EH? ZE PLAN? WHAT IS ZIS "PLAN"?!
AND YOU GAVE A GREAT PERFORMANCE TOO, OLD BOY! FOR A MINUTE THERE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL A 'BOT!
BUT HE IS ZE 'BOT! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO FEET!
OOH! MY HEAD IS CONFUSED!
WOOF!
PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN, ANTOINE!
THE LAST TIME I TESTED UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI I INSERTED A NEURO-OVERRIDER* INTO THEIR NEURAL-NETWORKS...
* THE SAME TYPE HE USED ON SALLY IN SONIC SUPER DIGEST #1! -- ED.
"IT ALLOWED THEM TO KEEP CONTROL OF THEIR MINDS EVEN WHEN ROBOTNIK TRIED TO REALIGN THEM!"


THEN UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI WERE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE ROBOTS?
RIGHT, TAILS!
"UNCLE CHUCK REPROGRAMMED THE COMBOTS TO ACT ON HIS COMMAND, NOT ROBOTNIK'S!"
THAT'S WHY THEY MARCHED INTO THE SEA! SEE?
BUT HOW DID SONIC FREE HIMSELF?
UNCLE CHUCK LOOSENED MY SHACKLES JUST ENOUGH SO THAT IT LOOKED LIKE I WAS CAPTURED, BUNNIE!
I'M OVERJOYED THAT YOUR PLAN WORKED, GUYS, BUT NEXT TIME...
WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME ABOUT IT?!
THAT EVENING...
SEEMS LIKE WE KEEP SAYING GOODBYE, UNCLE CHUCK!
IT'S FOR THE BEST, SONIC! ROBOTNIK THINKS OUR MINDS ARE ENSLAVED AGAIN, SO MUTTSKI AND I WILL MAKE PERFECT SPIES!
NOW I'VE GOT TO GO!
BEFORE YOU DO, UNC, CAN YOU DO US A FAVOR?..
...EXPLAIN OUR PLAN TO ANTOINE ONE MORE TIME!
FIRST HE WAS ZE ROBOT, ZEN HE WAS NOT ZE ROBOT BUT HE WAS ZE ROBOT, ZEN...
THE END

SONIC KIDS COLORING PINUP!



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OH, ANTOINE! AH-AH-AH WILL!
RING GROTTO
WHOA... GO, 'TWAN!
OHMYGOSH!
...DOES THIS GIVE YOU ANY IDEAS, SONIC?
NOT A ONE, AMY.
BUT IT'S A NICE BREAK FROM THE DRAMA OF EARLIER TODAY.*
*SEE SONIC SAGA SERIES: VOL. 2 FOR FIONA'S SHOCKING DEPARTURE!
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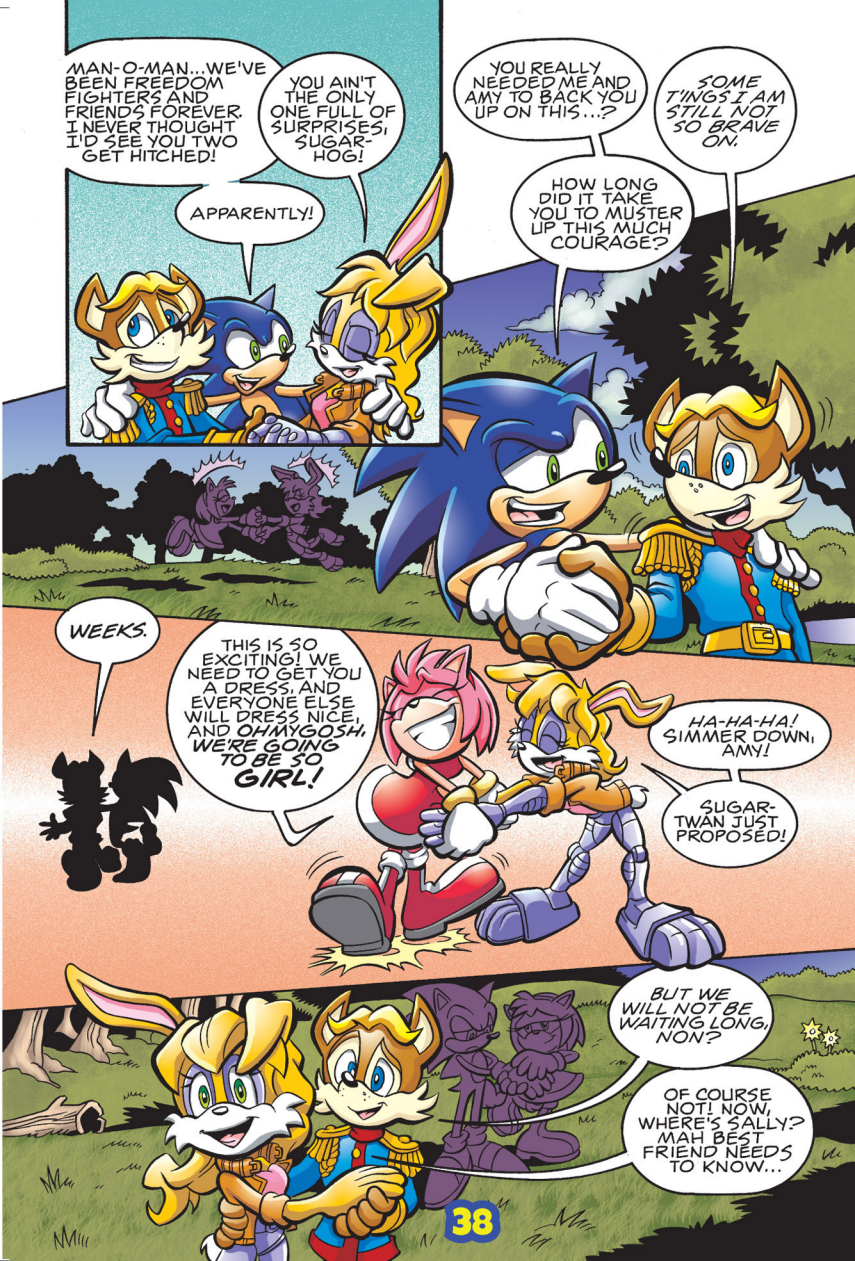
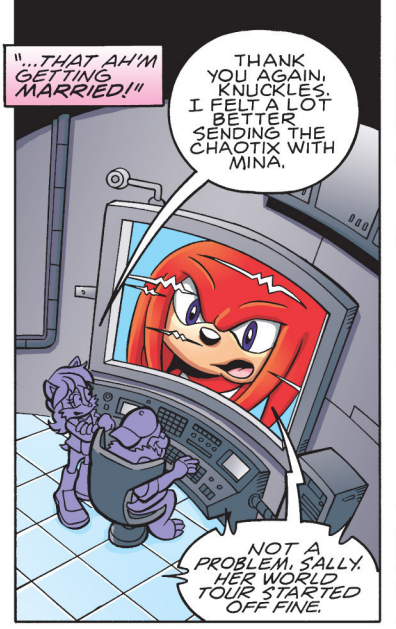
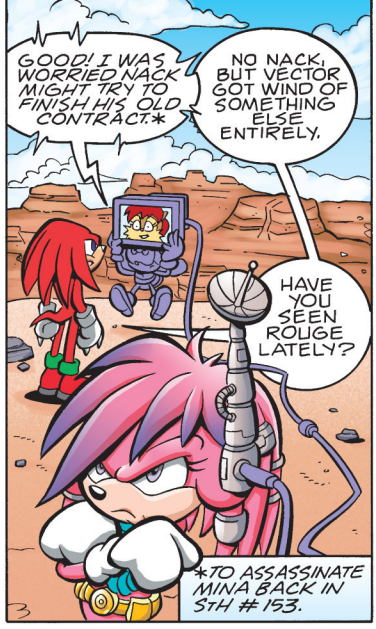
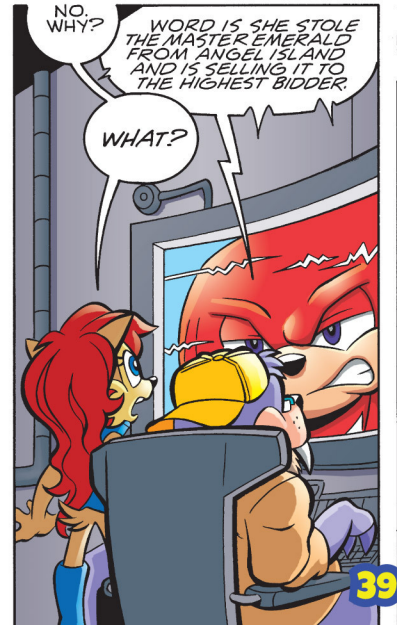
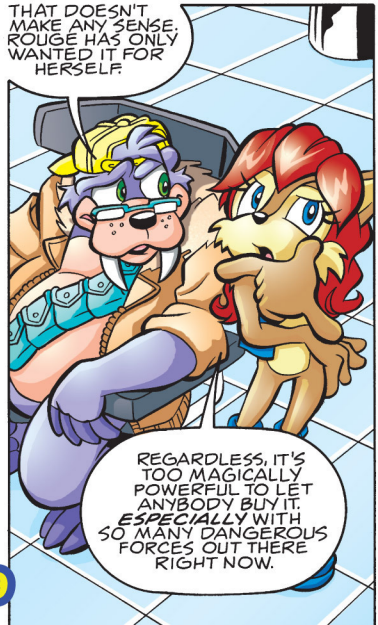
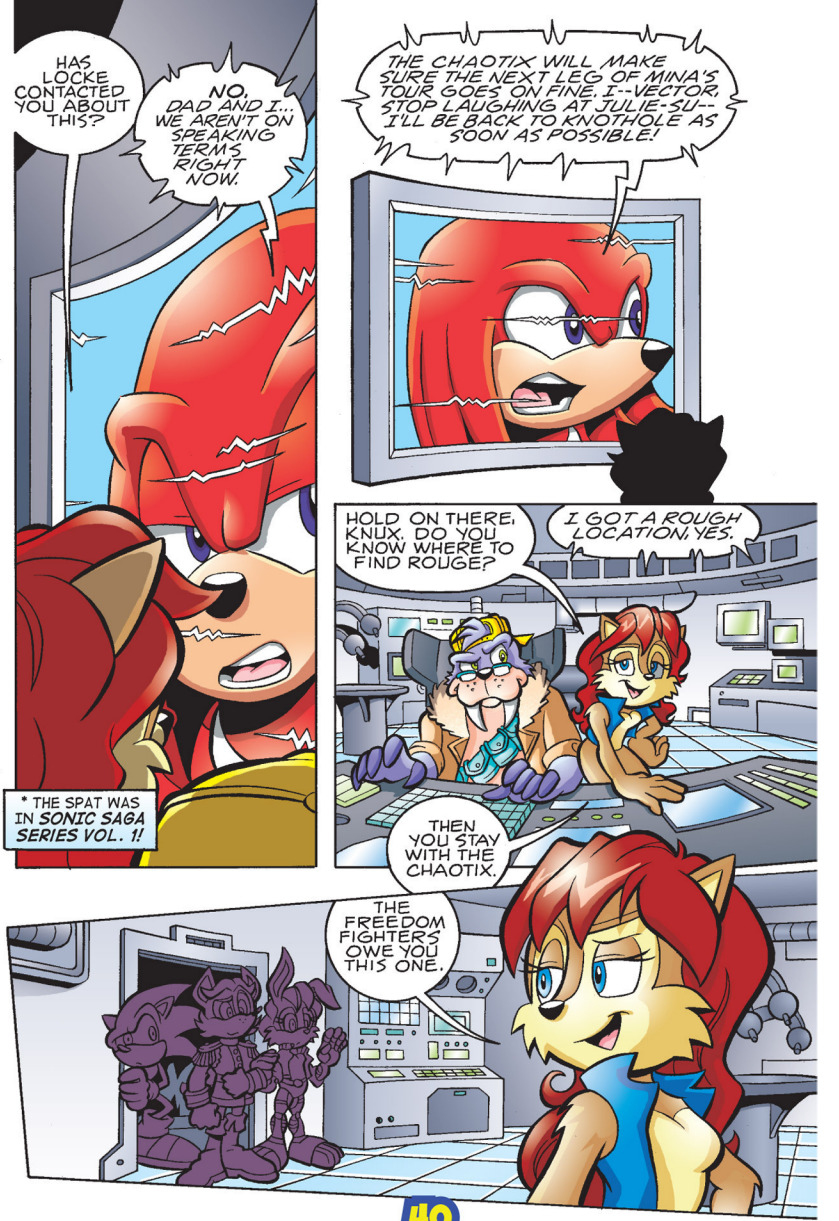

MAN-O-MAN...WE'VE BEEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND FRIENDS FOREVER. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU TWO GET HITCHED!
YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE FULL OF SURPRISES, SUGAR-HOG!
APPARENTLY!
YOU REALLY NEEDED ME AND AMY TO BACK YOU UP ON THIS...?
SOME T'INGS I AM STILL NOT SO BRAVE ON.
HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO MUSTER UP THIS MUCH COURAGE?
WEEKS.
THIS IS SO EXCITING! WE NEED TO GET YOU A DRESS, AND EVERYONE ELSE WILL DRESS NICE, AND OHMYGOSH, WE'RE GOING TO BE SO GIRL!
HA-HA-HA! SIMMER DOWN, AMY!
SUGAR-TWAN JUST PROPOSED!
BUT WE WILL NOT BE WAITING LONG, NON?
OF COURSE NOT! NOW, WHERE'S SALLY? MAH BEST FRIEND NEEDS TO KNOW...

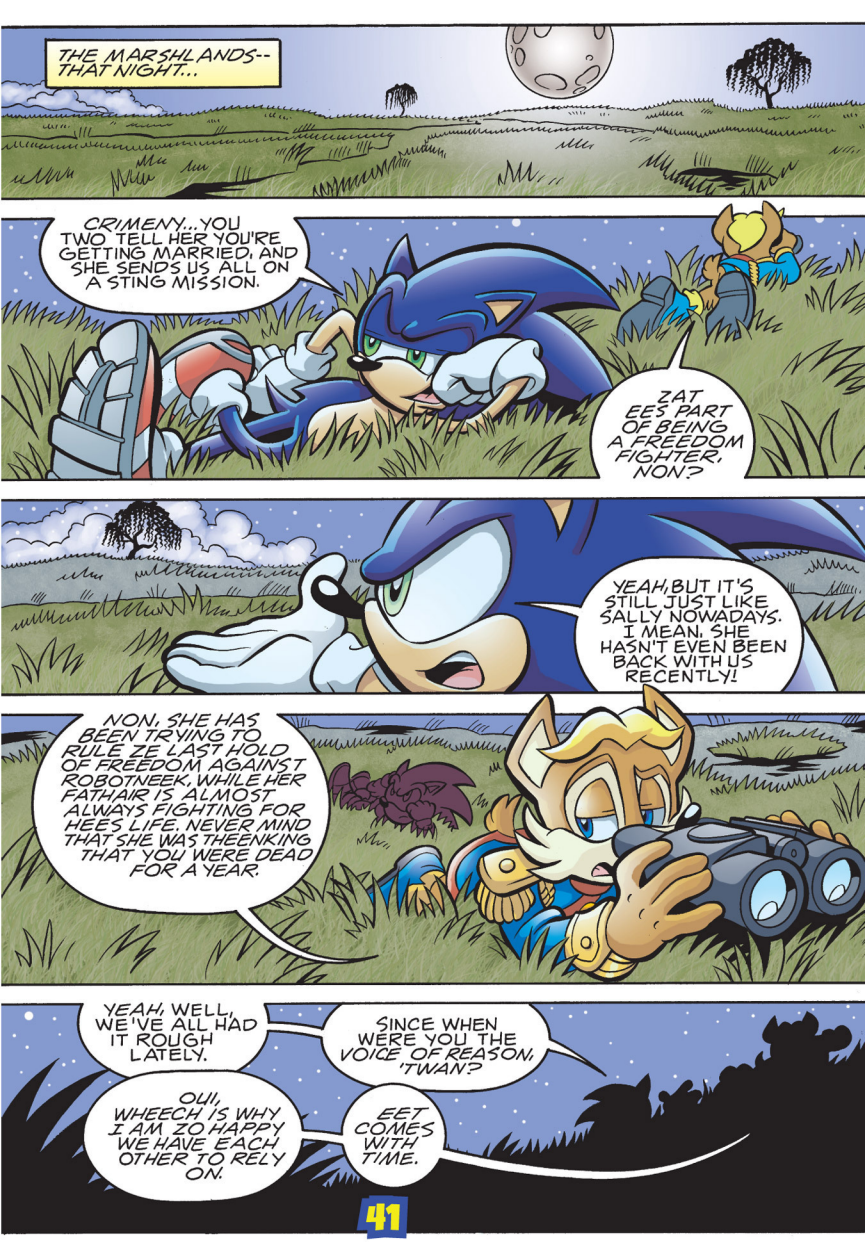

"...THAT AH'M GETTING MARRIED!"
THANK YOU AGAIN, KNUCKLES. I FELT A LOT BETTER SENDING THE CHAOTIX WITH MINA.
NOT A PROBLEM, SALLY. HER WORLD TOUR STARTED OFF FINE.

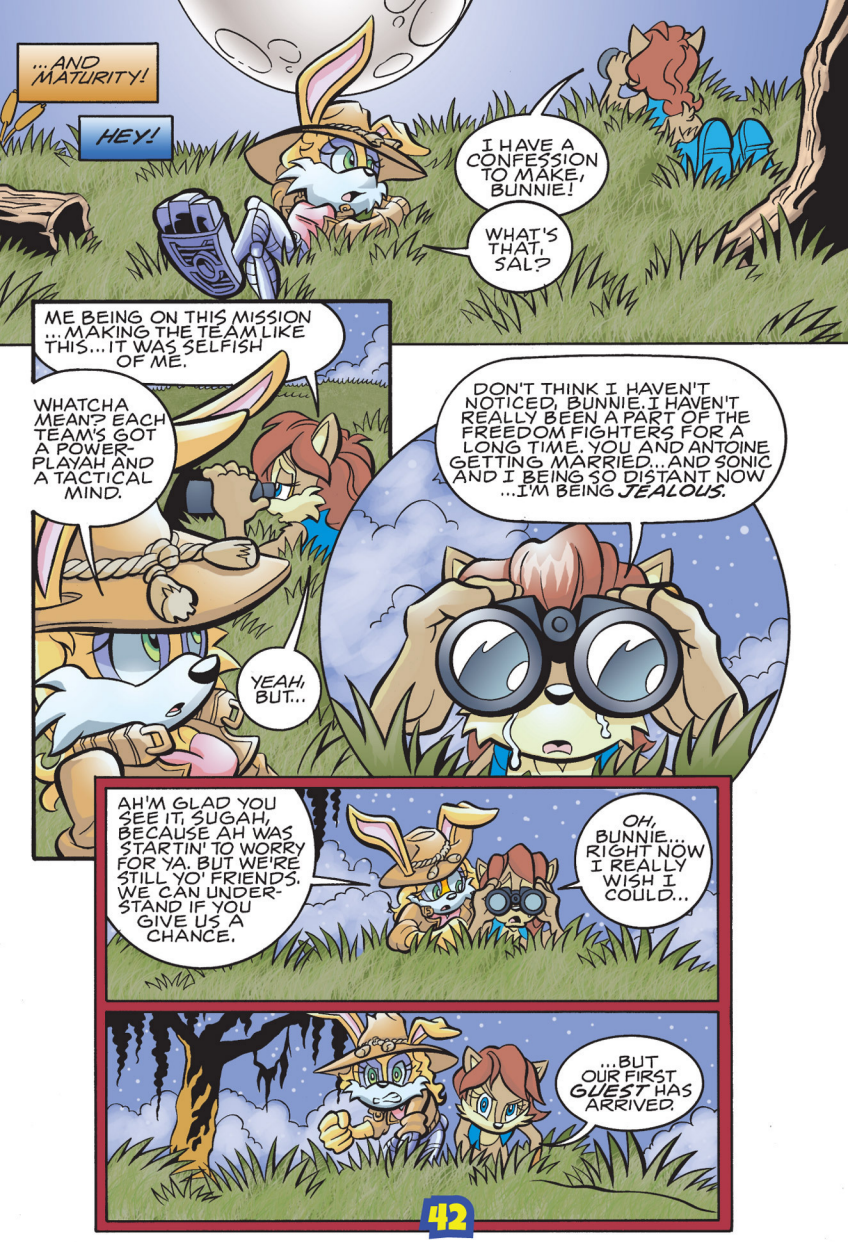

GOOD! I WAS WORRIED NACK MIGHT TRY TO FINISH HIS OLD CONTRACT.*
NO NACK, BUT VECTOR GOT WIND OF SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY.
HAVE YOU SEEN ROUGE LATELY?
*TO ASSASSINATE MINA BACK IN STH # 193.

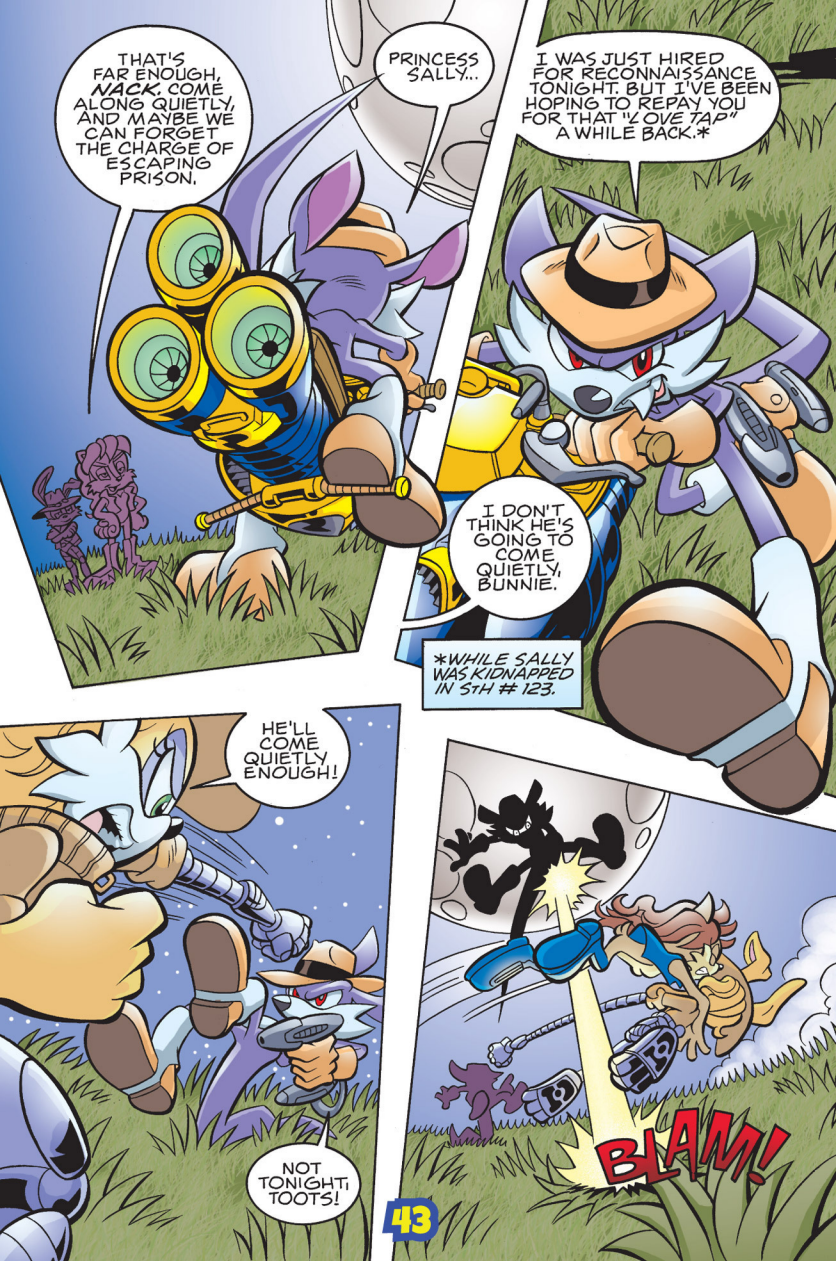

NO. WHY?
WORD IS SHE STOLE THE MASTER EMERALD FROM ANGEL ISLAND AND IS SELLING IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
WHAT?

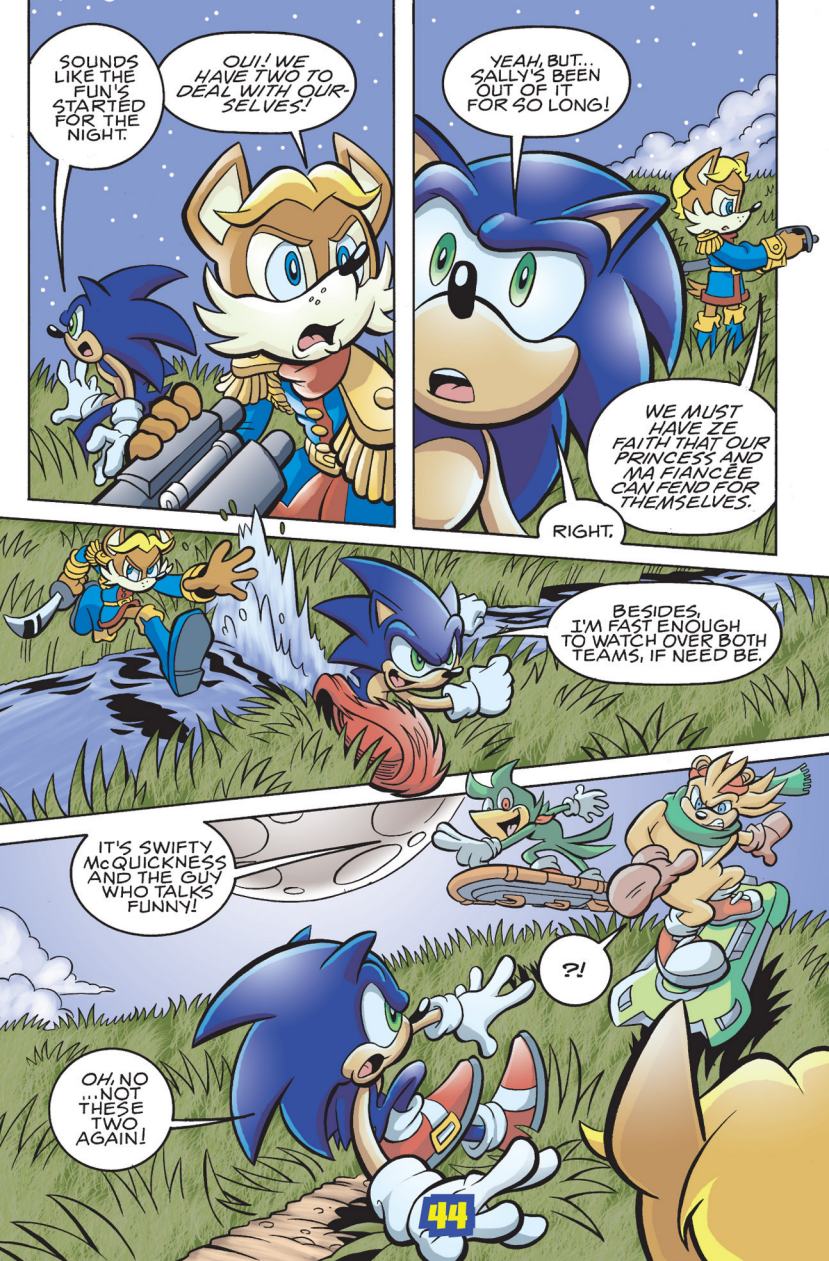

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. ROUGE HAS ONLY WANTED IT FOR HERSELF.
REGARDLESS, IT'S TOO MAGICALLY POWERFUL TO LET ANYBODY BUY IT. ESPECIALLY WITH SO MANY DANGEROUS FORCES OUT THERE RIGHT NOW.


HAS LOCKE CONTACTED YOU ABOUT THIS?
NO. DAD AND I... WE AREN'T ON SPEAKING TERMS RIGHT NOW.
* THE SPAT WAS IN SONIC SAGA SERIES VOL. 1!
THE CHAOTIX WILL MAKE SURE THE NEXT LEG OF MINA'S TOUR GOES ON FINE. I--VECTOR, STOP LAUGHING AT JULIE-SU-- I'LL BE BACK TO KNOTHOLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
HOLD ON THERE, KNUX. DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ROUGE?
I GOT A ROUGH LOCATION, YES.
THEN YOU STAY WITH THE CHAOTIX.
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OWE YOU THIS ONE.


THE MARSHLANDS--
THAT NIGHT...
CRIMENY... YOU TWO TELL HER YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED, AND SHE SENDS US ALL ON A STING MISSION.
ZAT EES PART OF BEING A FREEDOM FIGHTER, NON?
YEAH, BUT IT'S STILL JUST LIKE SALLY NOWADAYS. I MEAN, SHE HASN'T EVEN BEEN BACK WITH US RECENTLY!
NON, SHE HAS BEEN TRYING TO RULE ZE LAST HOLD OF FREEDOM AGAINST ROBOTNEEK, WHILE HER FATHAIR IS ALMOST ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR HEES LIFE. NEVER MIND THAT SHE WAS THEENKING THAT YOU WERE DEAD FOR A YEAR.
YEAH, WELL, WE'VE ALL HAD IT ROUGH LATELY.
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU THE VOICE OF REASON, 'TWAN?
OUI, WHEECH IS WHY I AM ZO HAPPY WE HAVE EACH OTHER TO RELY ON.
EET COMES WITH TIME.


...AND MATURITY!
HEY!
I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE, BUNNIE!
WHAT'S THAT, SAL?
ME BEING ON THIS MISSION ... MAKING THE TEAM LIKE THIS... IT WAS SELFISH OF ME.
WHATCHA MEAN? EACH TEAM'S GOT A POWER-PLAYAH AND A TACTICAL MIND.
YEAH, BUT...
DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T NOTICED, BUNNIE. I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN A PART OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOR A LONG TIME. YOU AND ANTOINE GETTING MARRIED...AND SONIC AND I BEING SO DISTANT NOW ...I'M BEING JEALOUS.
AH'M GLAD YOU SEE IT, SUGAH, BECAUSE AH WAS STARTIN' TO WORRY FOR YA. BUT WE'RE STILL YO' FRIENDS. WE CAN UNDER-STAND IF YOU GIVE US A CHANCE.
OH, BUNNIE... RIGHT NOW I REALLY WISH I COULD...
...BUT OUR FIRST GUEST HAS ARRIVED.


THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, NACK. COME ALONG QUIETLY, AND MAYBE WE CAN FORGET THE CHARGE OF ESCAPING PRISON.
PRINCESS SALLY...
I WAS JUST HIRED FOR RECONNAISSANCE TONIGHT. BUT I'VE BEEN HOPING TO REPAY YOU FOR THAT "LOVE TAP" A WHILE BACK.*
I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO COME QUIETLY, BUNNIE.
*WHILE SALLY WAS KIDNAPPED IN STH # 123.
HE'LL COME QUIETLY ENOUGH!
NOT TONIGHT, TOOTS!
BLAM!


SOUNDS LIKE THE FUN'S STARTED FOR THE NIGHT.
OUI! WE HAVE TWO TO DEAL WITH OURSELVES!
YEAH, BUT... SALLY'S BEEN OUT OF IT FOR SO LONG!
WE MUST HAVE ZE FAITH THAT OUR PRINCESS AND MA FIANCÉE CAN FEND FOR THEMSELVES.
RIGHT.
BESIDES, I'M FAST ENOUGH TO WATCH OVER BOTH TEAMS, IF NEED BE.
IT'S SWIFTY McQUICKNESS AND THE GUY WHO TALKS FUNNY!
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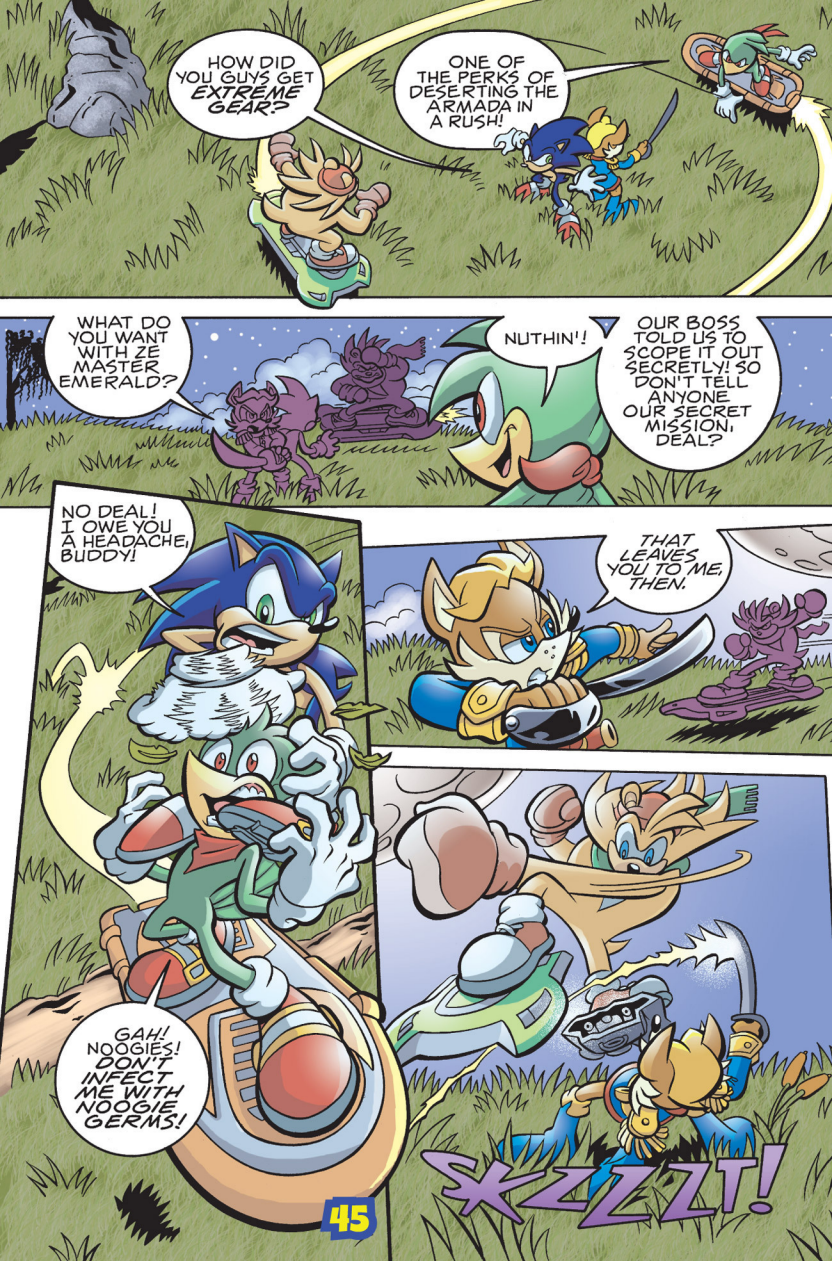
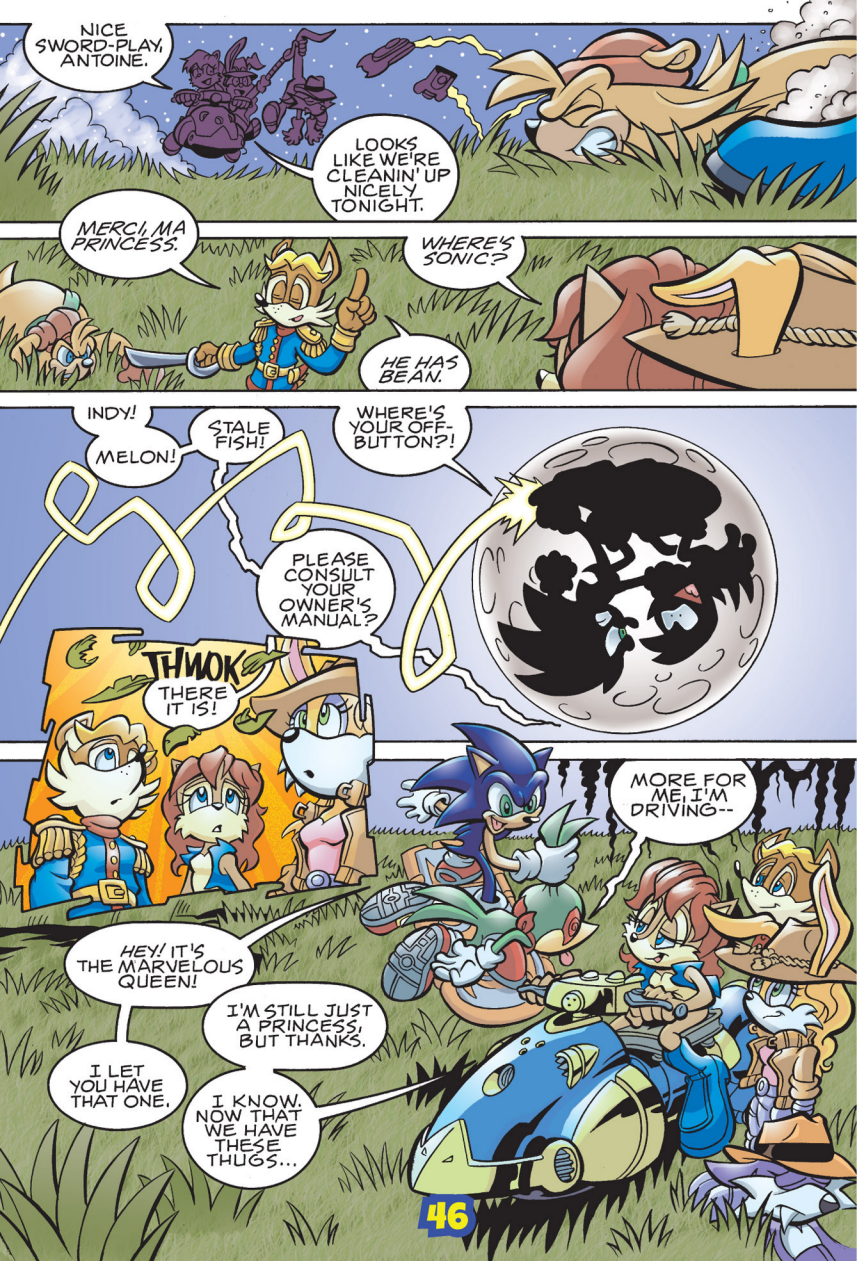
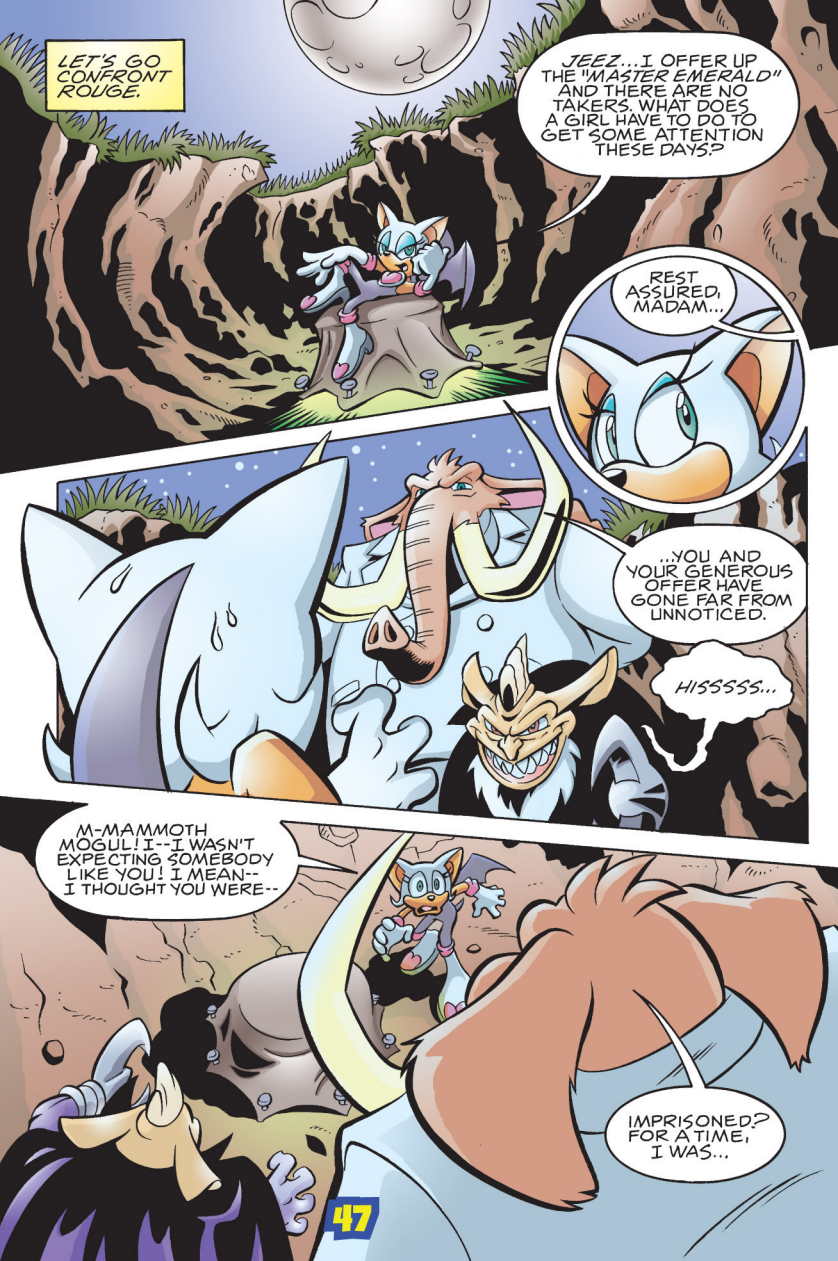
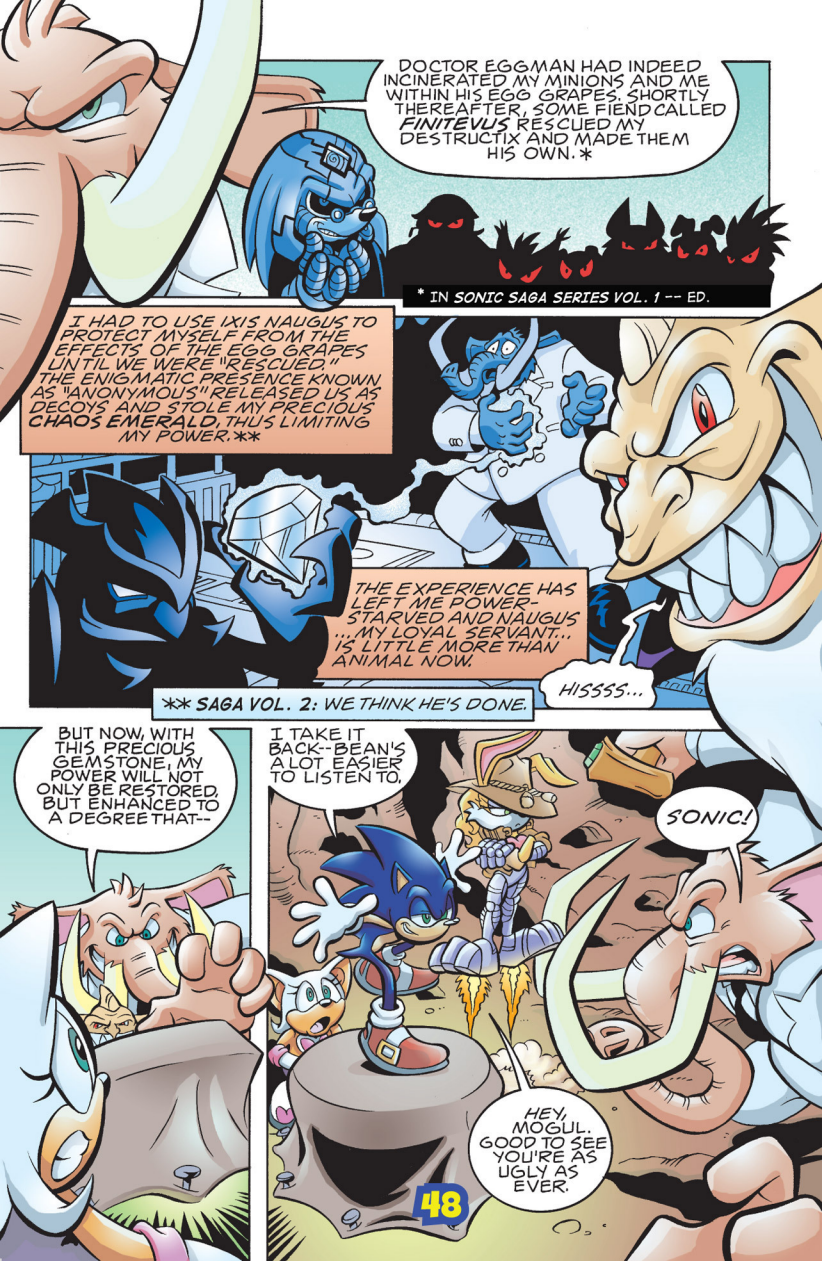
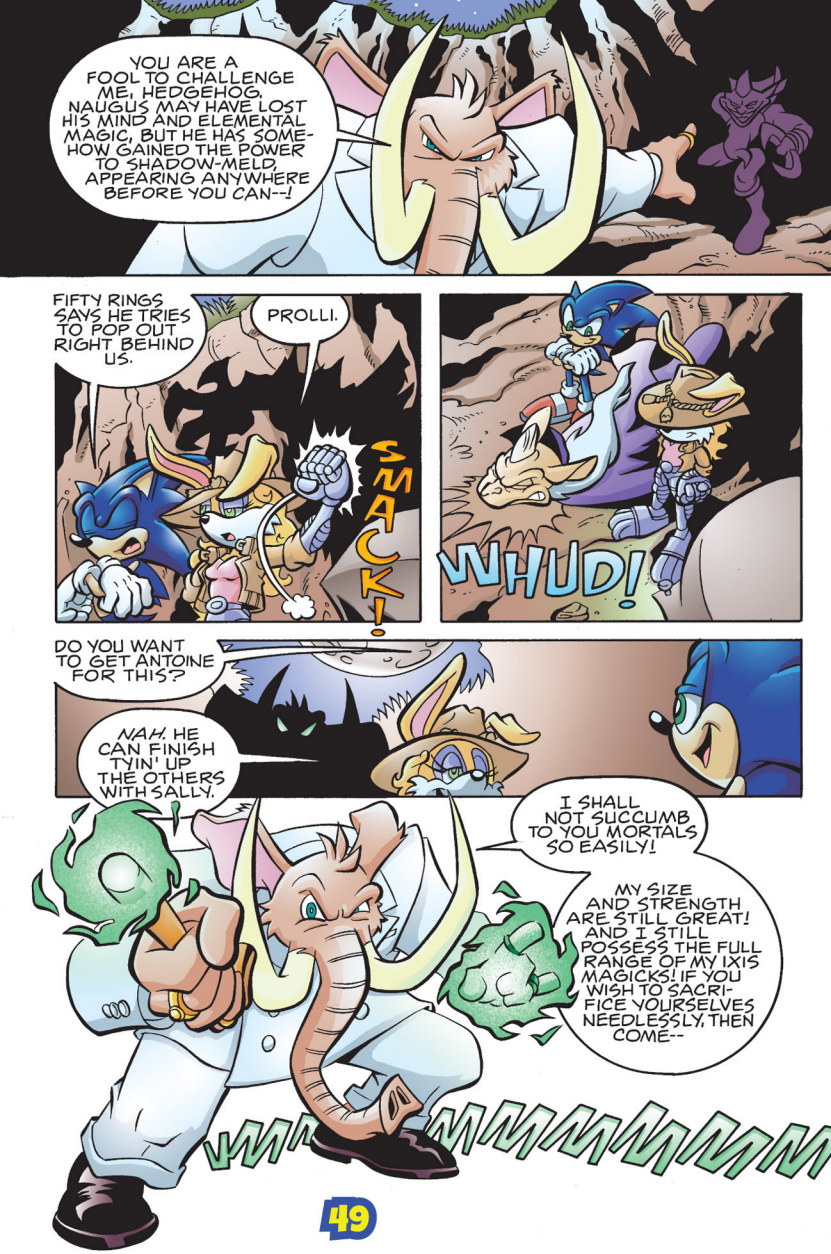
OH, NO ...NOT THESE TWO AGAIN!


HOW DID YOU GUYS GET EXTREME GEAR?
ONE OF THE PERKS OF DESERTING THE ARMADA IN A RUSH!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ZE MASTER EMERALD?
NUTHIN'!
OUR BOSS TOLD US TO SCOPE IT OUT SECRETLY! SO DON'T TELL ANYONE OUR SECRET MISSION, DEAL?
NO DEAL! I OWE YOU A HEADACHE, BUDDY!
THAT LEAVES YOU TO ME, THEN.
GAH! NOOGIES! DON'T INFECT ME WITH NOOGIE GERMS!
SZZZT!

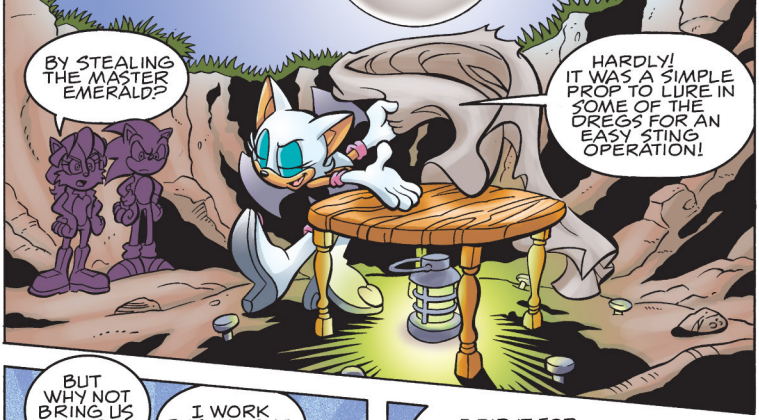

NICE SWORD-PLAY, ANTOINE.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE CLEANIN' UP NICELY TONIGHT.
MERCI, MA PRINCESS.
WHERE'S SONIC?
HE HAS BEAN.
INDY!
MELON!
STALE FISH!
WHERE'S YOUR OFF-BUTTON?!
PLEASE CONSULT YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL?
THWOK
THERE IT IS!
MORE FOR ME, I'M DRIVING--
HEY! IT'S THE MARVELOUS QUEEN!
I'M STILL JUST A PRINCESS, BUT THANKS.
I LET YOU HAVE THAT ONE.
I KNOW. NOW THAT WE HAVE THESE THUGS...


LET'S GO CONFRONT ROUGE.
JEEZ... I OFFER UP THE "MASTER EMERALD" AND THERE ARE NO TAKERS. WHAT DOES A GIRL HAVE TO DO TO GET SOME ATTENTION THESE DAYS?
REST ASSURED, MADAM...
...YOU AND YOUR GENEROUS OFFER HAVE GONE FAR FROM UNNOTICED.
HISSSSS...
M-MAMMOTH MOGUL! I--I WASN'T EXPECTING SOMEBODY LIKE YOU! I MEAN-- I THOUGHT YOU WERE--
IMPRISONED? FOR A TIME, I WAS...

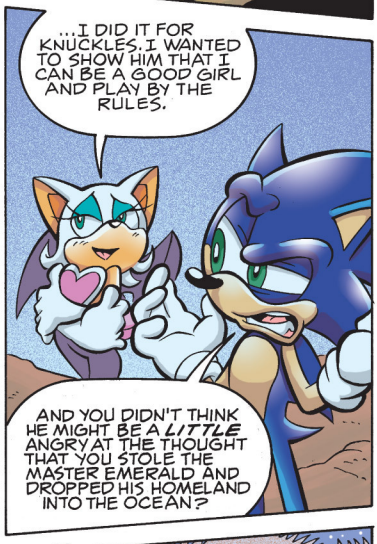

DOCTOR EGGMAN HAD INDEED INCINERATED MY MINIONS AND ME WITHIN HIS EGG GRAPES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SOME FIEND CALLED FINITEVUS RESCUED MY DESTRUCTIX AND MADE THEM HIS OWN.*
* IN SONIC SAGA SERIES VOL. 1 -- ED.
I HAD TO USE IXIS NAUGUS TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE EGG GRAPES UNTIL WE WERE "RESCUED." THE ENIGMATIC PRESENCE KNOWN AS "ANONYMOUS" RELEASED US AS DECOYS AND STOLE MY PRECIOUS CHAOS EMERALD, THUS LIMITING MY POWER.**
THE EXPERIENCE HAS LEFT ME POWER-STARVED AND NAUGUS ...MY LOYAL SERVANT... IS LITTLE MORE THAN ANIMAL NOW.
HISSSS...
** SAGA VOL. 2: WE THINK HE'S DONE.
BUT NOW, WITH THIS PRECIOUS GEMSTONE, MY POWER WILL NOT ONLY BE RESTORED, BUT ENHANCED TO A DEGREE THAT--
I TAKE IT BACK--BEAN'S A LOT EASIER TO LISTEN TO.
SONIC!
HEY, MOGUL. GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE AS UGLY AS EVER.


YOU ARE A FOOL TO CHALLENGE ME, HEDGEHOG. NAUGUS MAY HAVE LOST HIS MIND AND ELEMENTAL MAGIC, BUT HE HAS SOMEHOW GAINED THE POWER TO SHADOW-MELD, APPEARING ANYWHERE BEFORE YOU CAN--!
FIFTY RINGS SAYS HE TRIES TO POP OUT RIGHT BEHIND US.
PROLLI.
SNACK!
WHUD!
DO YOU WANT TO GET ANTOINE FOR THIS?
NAH. HE CAN FINISH TYIN' UP THE OTHERS WITH SALLY.
I SHALL NOT SUCCUMB TO YOU MORTALS SO EASILY!
MY SIZE AND STRENGTH ARE STILL GREAT! AND I STILL POSSESS THE FULL RANGE OF MY IXIS MAGICKS! IF YOU WISH TO SACRIFICE YOURSELVES NEEDLESSLY, THEN COME--

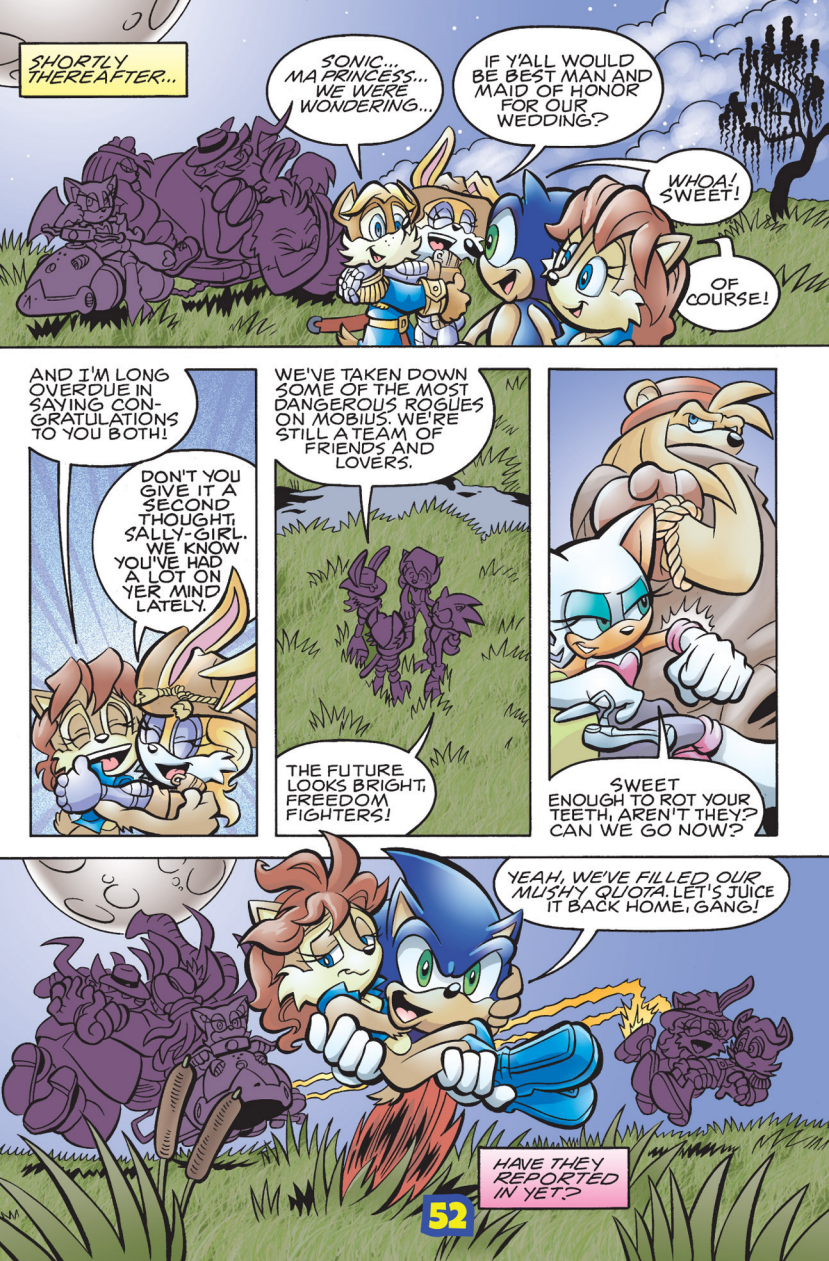
VRROOOOM
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!
WHAM!
NOW THAT IS AN ENTRANCE.
I'D GIVE IT A TEN.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU. BUNNIE, LET ANTOINE KNOW WE'LL NEED MORE ROPE.
HA-HA-HA! WILL DO, SALLY!
FIVE DOWN...
...ONE TO GO.
WHAT? NOW, HOLD ON. I'M ON YOUR SIDE IN ALL THIS.

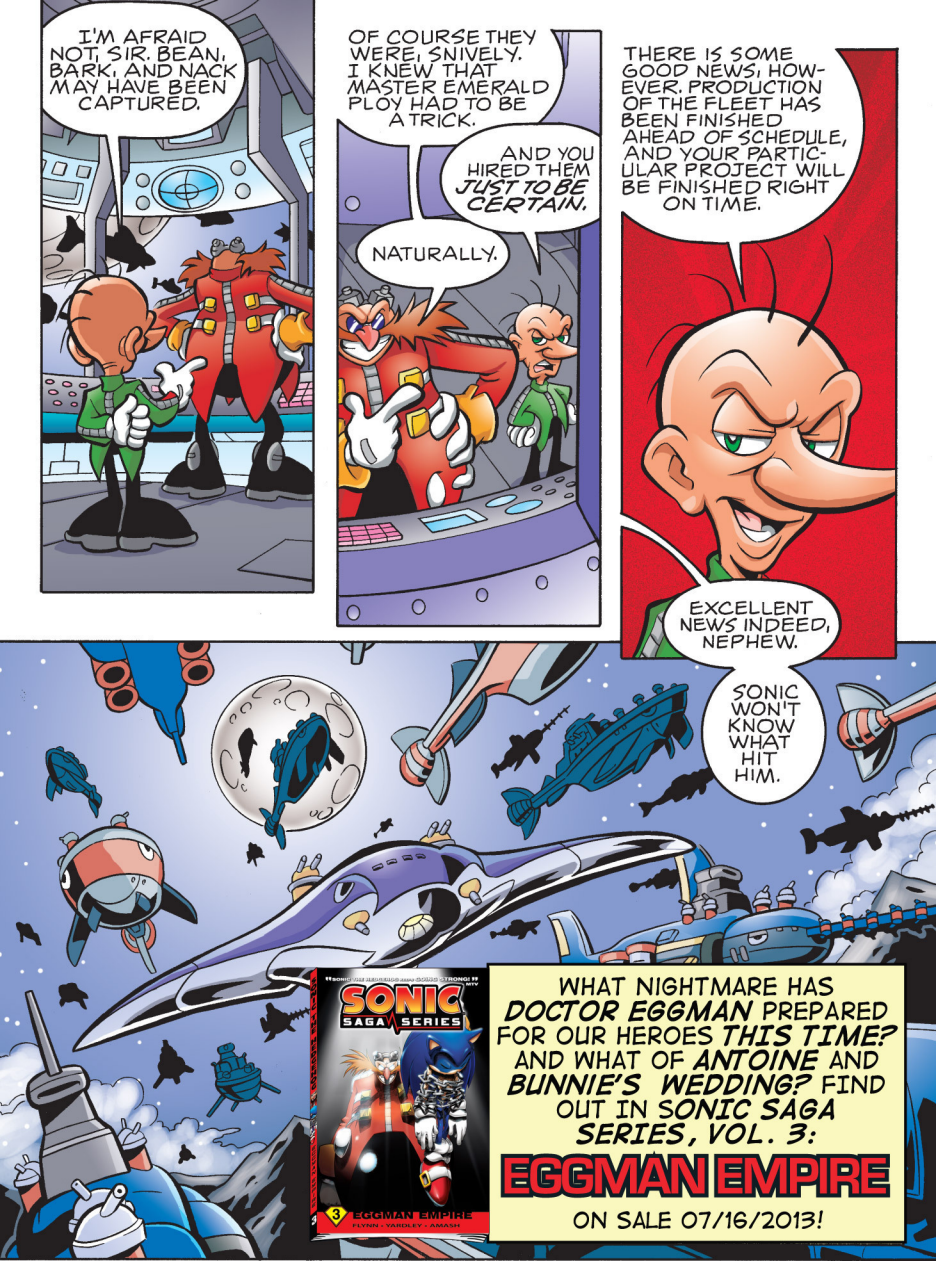

BY STEALING THE MASTER EMERALD?
HARDLY! IT WAS A SIMPLE PROP TO LURE IN SOME OF THE DREGS FOR AN EASY STING OPERATION!

BUT WHY NOT BRING US IN ON THIS?
I WORK BEST ALONE, PRINCESS.
THEN WHY DO THIS FOR US AT ALL?
IT WASN'T FOR YOU AT ALL...


...I DID IT FOR KNUCKLES. I WANTED TO SHOW HIM THAT I CAN BE A GOOD GIRL AND PLAY BY THE RULES.
AND YOU DIDN'T THINK HE MIGHT BE A *LITTLE* ANGRY AT THE THOUGHT THAT YOU STOLE THE MASTER EMERALD AND DROPPED HIS HOMELAND INTO THE OCEAN?

HE STRIKES ME AS THE KIND OF GUY WHO LETS THE ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS. BESIDES, NO HARM-- NO FOUL, RIGHT? LET'S CLEAN UP THIS MESS AND HEAD BACK *HOME*.


SHORTLY THEREAFTER...
SONIC... MA PRINCESS... WE WERE WONDERING...
IF Y'ALL WOULD BE BEST MAN AND MAID OF HONOR FOR OUR WEDDING?
WHOA! SWEET!
OF COURSE!
AND I'M LONG OVERDUE IN SAYING CON-GRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!
DON'T YOU GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT, SALLY-GIRL. WE KNOW YOU'VE HAD A LOT ON YER MIND LATELY.
WE'VE TAKEN DOWN SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS ROGUES ON MOBIUS. WE'RE STILL A TEAM OF FRIENDS AND LOVERS.
THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
SWEET ENOUGH TO ROT YOUR TEETH, AREN'T THEY? CAN WE GO NOW?
YEAH, WE'VE FILLED OUR MUSHY QUOTA. LET'S JUICE IT BACK HOME, GANG!
HAVE THEY REPORTED IN YET?


I'M AFRAID NOT, SIR. BEAN, BARK, AND NACK MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.
OF COURSE THEY WERE, SNIVELY. I KNEW THAT MASTER EMERALD PLOY HAD TO BE A TRICK.
AND YOU HIRED THEM JUST TO BE CERTAIN.
NATURALLY.
THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS, HOWEVER. PRODUCTION OF THE FLEET HAS BEEN FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND YOUR PARTICULAR PROJECT WILL BE FINISHED RIGHT ON TIME.
EXCELLENT NEWS INDEED, NEPHEW.
SONIC WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM.
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PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic Universe #22

Team Abilities:

* **Nack** is unparalled in his marksmanship, can bounce on his tail, and has a wide array of weapons, traps, and devices built into his sky-cycle: **The Marvelous Queen**.

* **Bean** can summon black, round bombs via poofs of purple smoke. The explosive power is enough to knock someone off their feet and lightly burn. He can also control other explosives' detonations. No one knows how or why.

* **Bark** is far stronger than the average person and easily within the top three in the world. He rarely, if ever, speaks.

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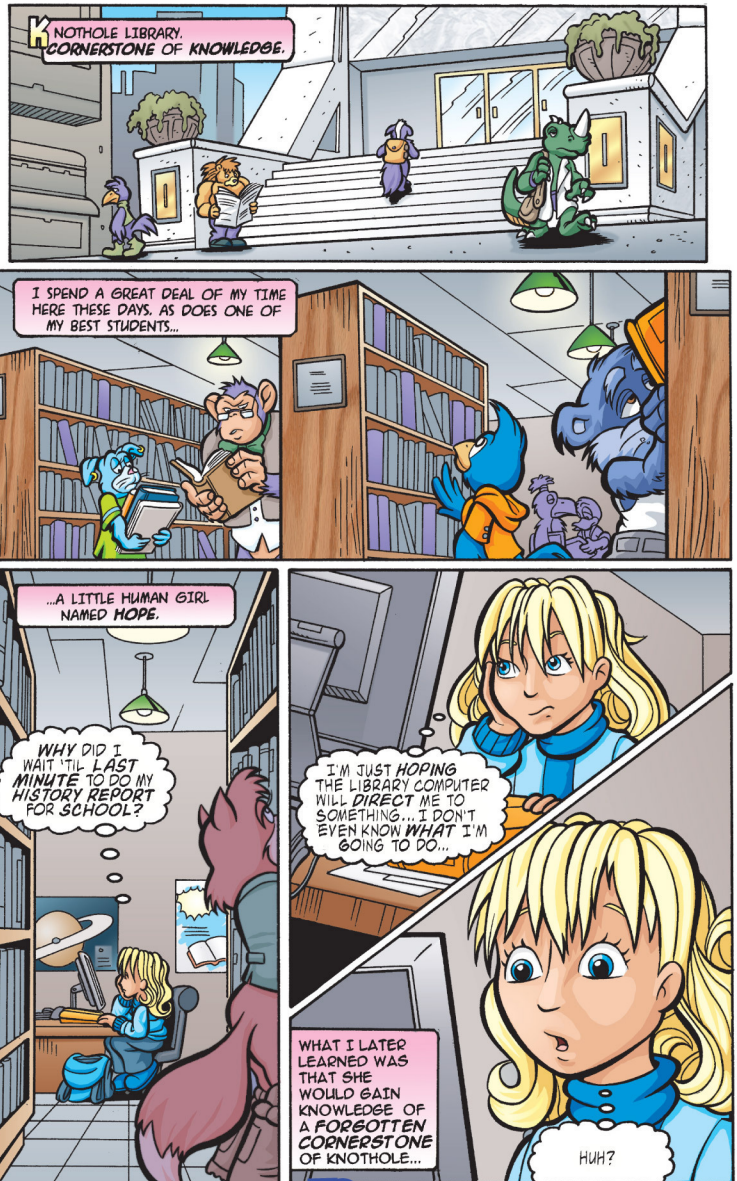
KNOTHOLE LIBRARY. CORNERSTONE OF KNOWLEDGE.
I SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF MY TIME HERE THESE DAYS. AS DOES ONE OF MY BEST STUDENTS...
...A LITTLE HUMAN GIRL NAMED HOPE.
WHY DID I WAIT 'TIL LAST MINUTE TO DO MY HISTORY REPORT FOR SCHOOL?
I'M JUST HOPING THE LIBRARY COMPUTER WILL DIRECT ME TO SOMETHING... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO...
WHAT I LATER LEARNED WAS THAT SHE WOULD GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF A FORGOTTEN CORNERSTONE OF KNOTHOLE...
HUH?

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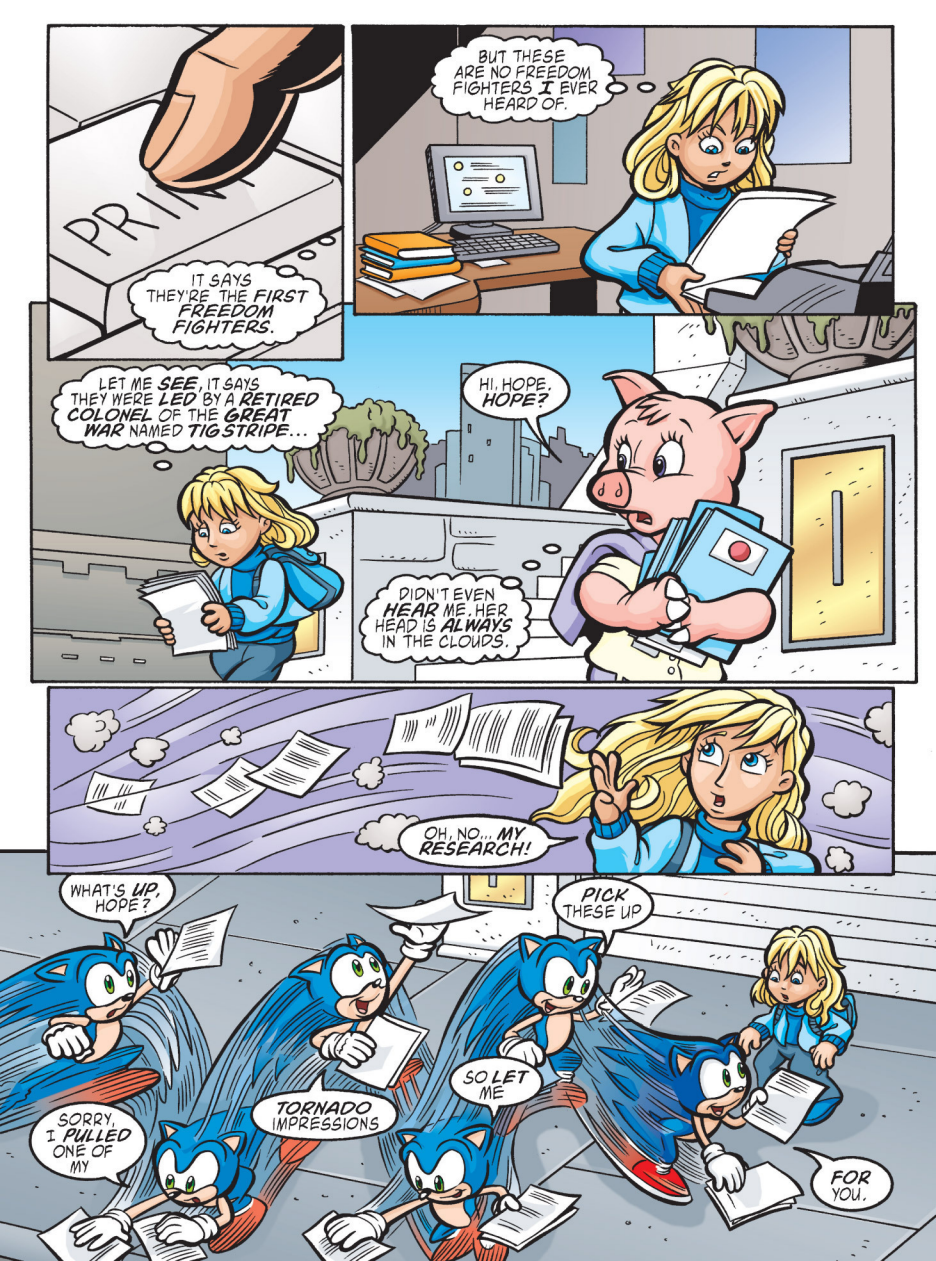
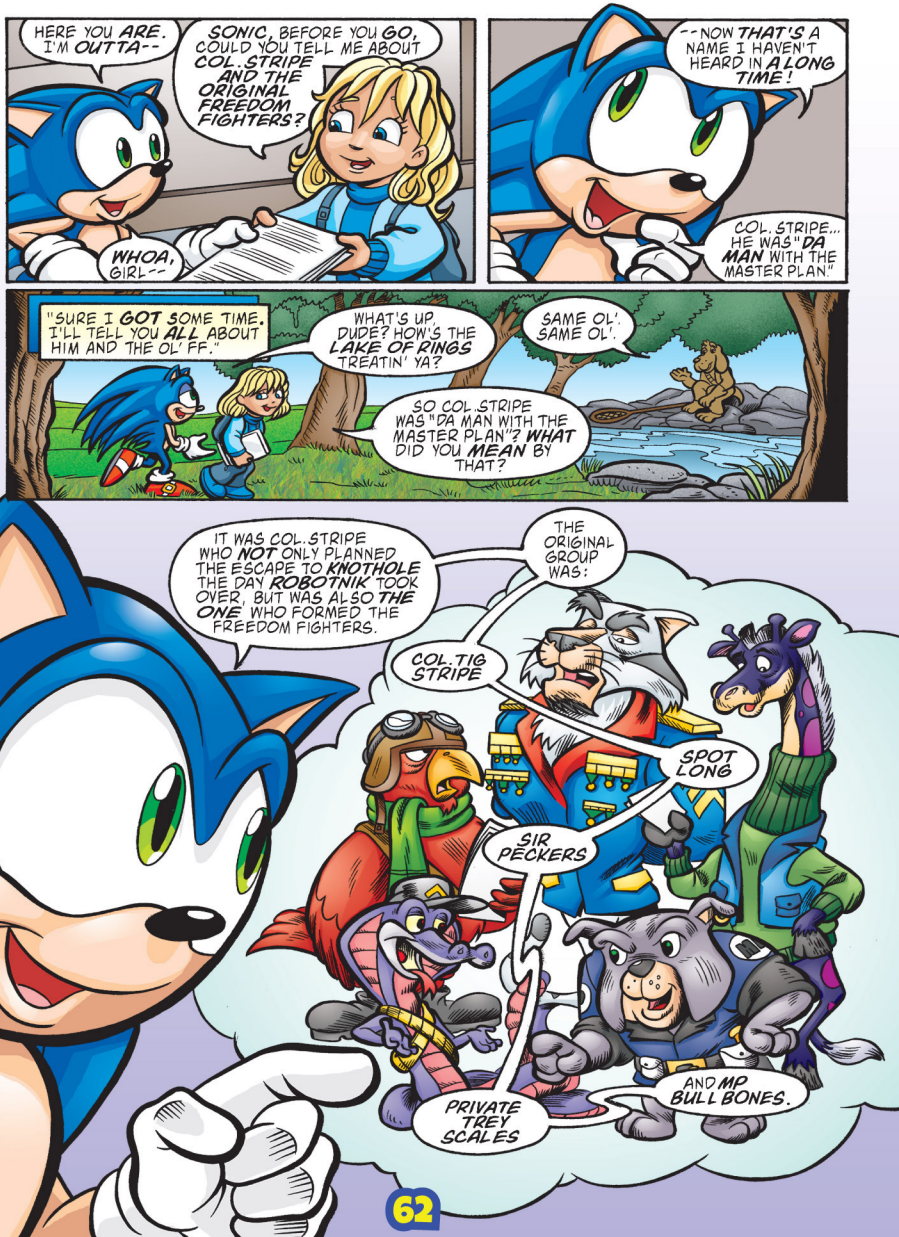
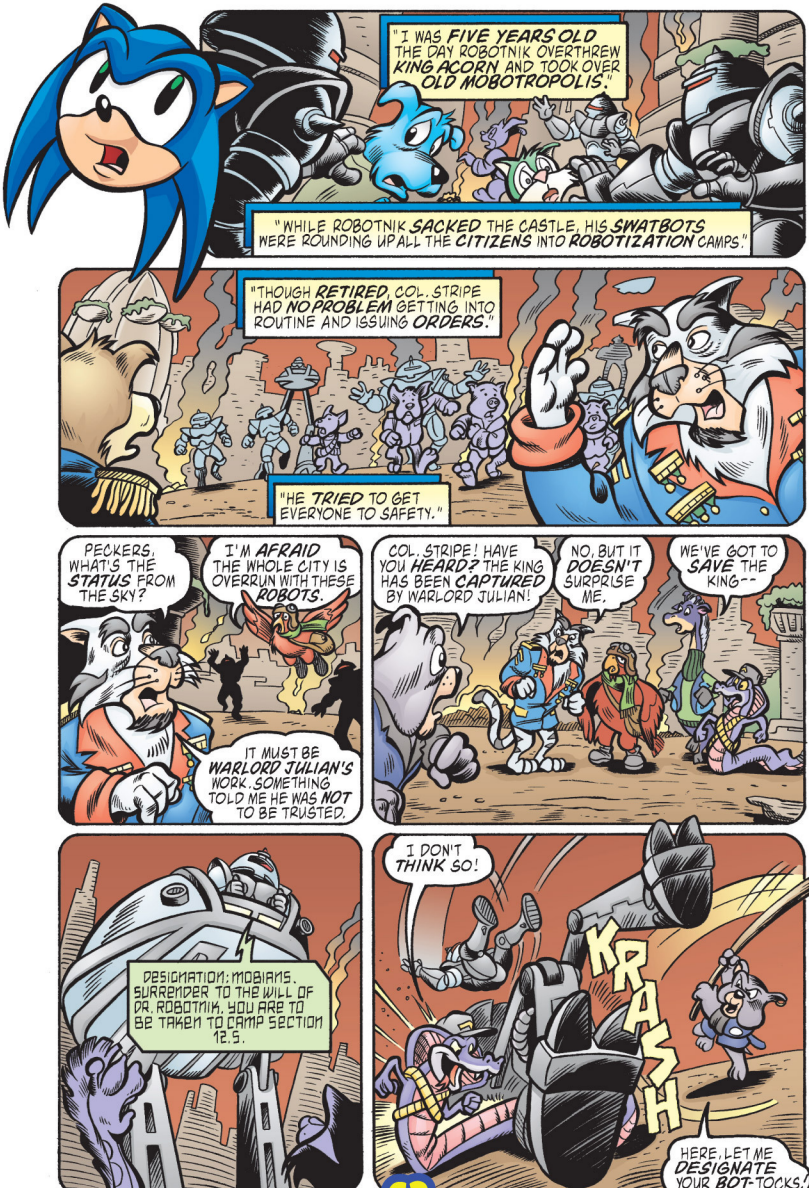
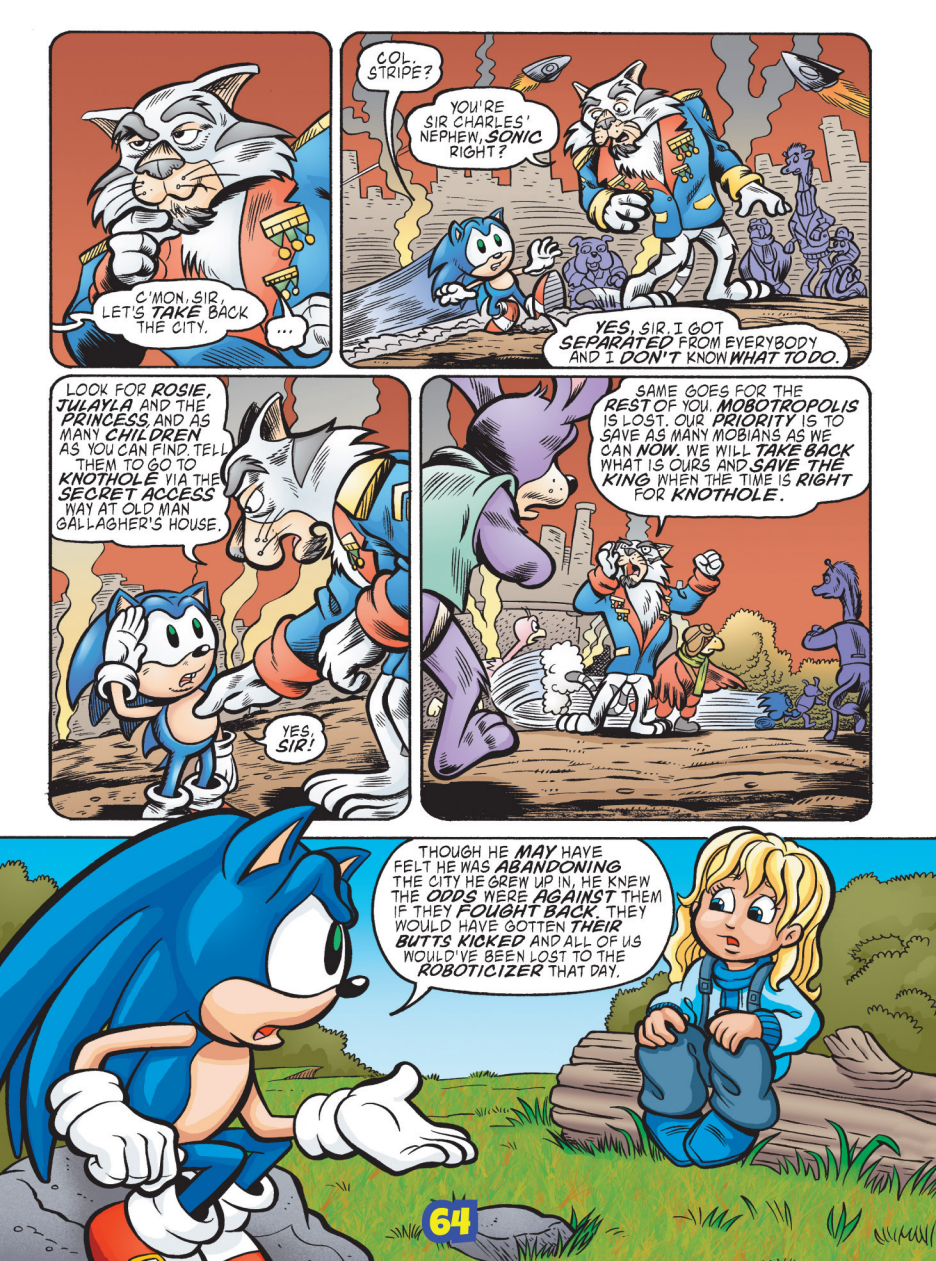
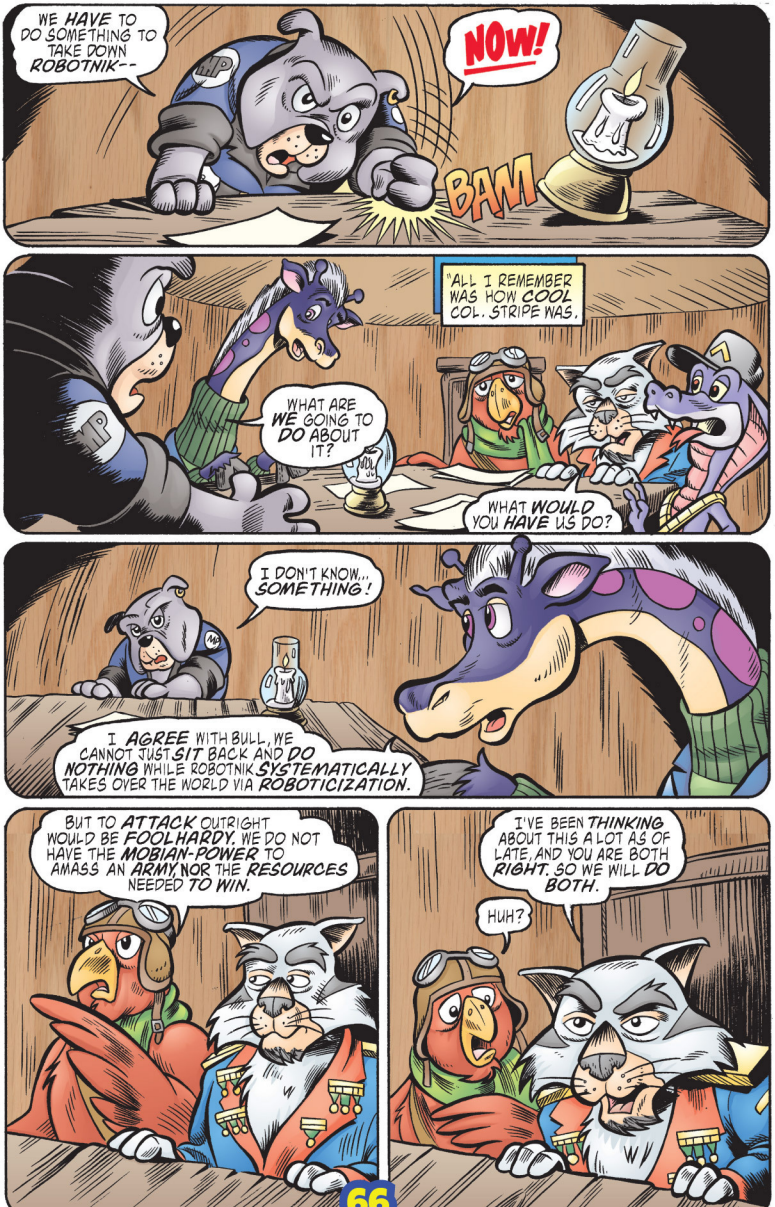

PRINT
IT SAYS THEY'RE THE FIRST FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BUT THESE ARE NO FREEDOM FIGHTERS I EVER HEARD OF.
LET ME SEE, IT SAYS THEY WERE LED BY A RETIRED COLONEL OF THE GREAT WAR NAMED TIGSTRIPE...
HI, HOPE. HOPE?
DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ME. HER HEAD IS ALWAYS IN THE CLOUDS.
OH, NO... MY RESEARCH!
WHAT'S UP, HOPE?
SORRY, I PULLED ONE OF MY
TORNADO IMPRESSIONS
SO LET ME
PICK THESE UP
FOR YOU.


HERE YOU ARE. I'M OUTTA--
SONIC, BEFORE YOU GO, COULD YOU TELL ME ABOUT COL. STRIPE AND THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS?
WHOA, GIRL--
--NOW THAT'S A NAME I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A LONG TIME!
COL. STRIPE... HE WAS "DA MAN WITH THE MASTER PLAN"
"SURE I GOT SOME TIME. I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HIM AND THE OL' FF."
WHAT'S UP, DUDE? HOW'S THE LAKE OF RINGS TREATIN' YA?
SAME OL', SAME OL'.
SO COL. STRIPE WAS "DA MAN WITH THE MASTER PLAN"? WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
IT WAS COL. STRIPE WHO NOT ONLY PLANNED THE ESCAPE TO KNOTHOLE THE DAY ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER, BUT WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO FORMED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
THE ORIGINAL GROUP WAS:
COL. TIG STRIPE
SPOT LONG
SIR PECKERS
AND MP BULL BONES.
PRIVATE TREY SCALES

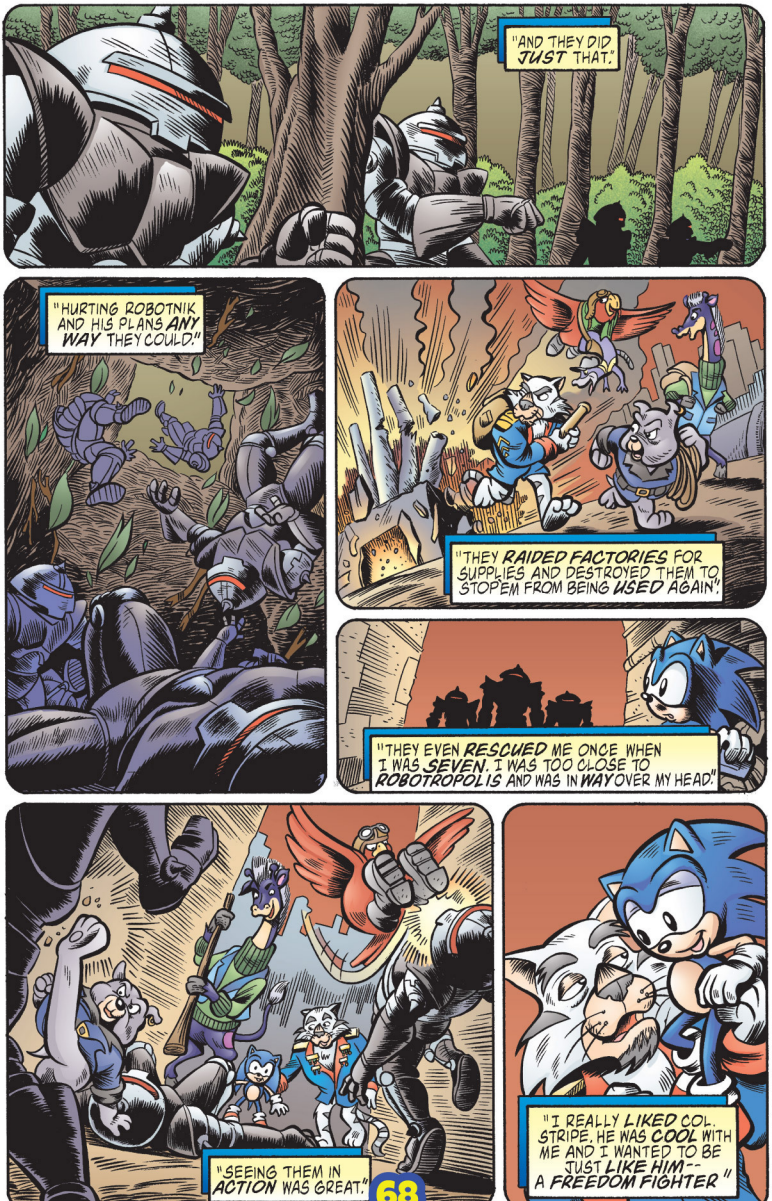

"I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD THE DAY ROBOTNIK OVERTHREW KING ACORN AND TOOK OVER OLD MOBOTROPOLIS."
"WHILE ROBOTNIK SACKED THE CASTLE, HIS SWATBOTS WERE ROUNDING UP ALL THE CITIZENS INTO ROBOTIZATION CAMPS."
"THOUGH RETIRED, COL. STRIPE HAD NO PROBLEM GETTING INTO ROUTINE AND ISSUING ORDERS."
"HE TRIED TO GET EVERYONE TO SAFETY."
PECKERS, WHAT'S THE STATUS FROM THE SKY?
I'M AFRAID THE WHOLE CITY IS OVERRUN WITH THESE ROBOTS.
IT MUST BE WARLORD JULIAN'S WORK. SOMETHING TOLD ME HE WAS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.
COL. STRIPE! HAVE YOU HEARD? THE KING HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY WARLORD JULIAN!
NO, BUT IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME.
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE KING--
DESIGNATION: MOBIANS. SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF DR. ROBOTNIK, YOU ARE TO BE TAKEN TO CAMP SECTION 12.5.
I DON'T THINK SO!
KRASH
HERE, LET ME DESIGNATE YOUR BOT-TOCKS!

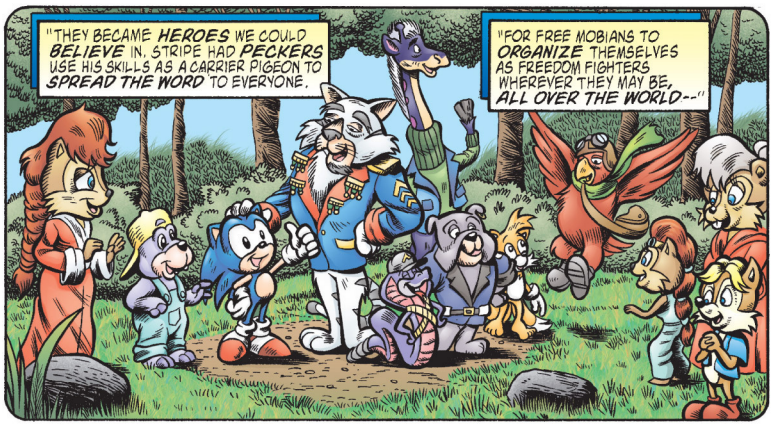

C'MON, SIR. LET'S TAKE BACK THE CITY.
...
COL. STRIPE?
YOU'RE SIR CHARLES' NEPHEW, SONIC RIGHT?
YES, SIR. I GOT SEPARATED FROM EVERYBODY AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
LOOK FOR ROSIE, JULAYLA AND THE PRINCESS, AND AS MANY CHILDREN AS YOU CAN FIND. TELL THEM TO GO TO KNOTHOLE VIA THE SECRET ACCESS WAY AT OLD MAN GALLAGHER'S HOUSE.
YES, SIR!
SAME GOES FOR THE REST OF YOU. MOBOTROPOLIS IS LOST. OUR PRIORITY IS TO SAVE AS MANY MOBIANS AS WE CAN NOW. WE WILL TAKE BACK WHAT IS OURS AND SAVE THE KING WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE.
THOUGH HE MAY HAVE FELT HE WAS ABANDONING THE CITY HE GREW UP IN, HE KNEW THE ODDS WERE AGAINST THEM IF THEY FOUGHT BACK. THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THEIR BUTTS KICKED AND ALL OF US WOULD'VE BEEN LOST TO THE ROBOTICIZER THAT DAY.

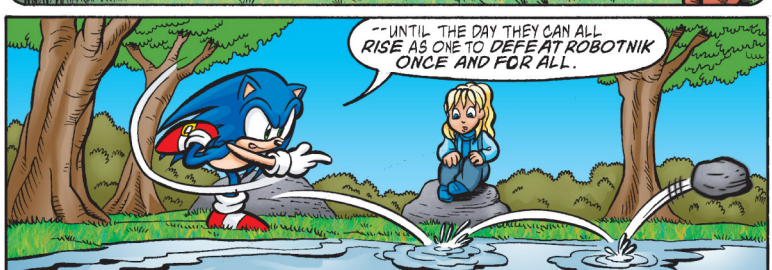
HE KNEW IT WAS THE LOGICAL THING TO DO. HE SAVED US WITH HIS QUICK THINKING AND GOT HUNDREDS OF MOBIANS SAFELY TO KNOTHOLE.
"IT WAS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THAT KNOTHOLE BECAME AN EFFICIENT COOL VILLAGE WE COULD ALL LIVE IN."
"EVERYONE WORKED TOGETHER LIKE A FAMILY BACK THEN. ALL WE HAD WAS EACH OTHER."
"AND THEN ONE NIGHT ME AND SAL OVER-HEARD THEM TALKING--"


WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO TAKE DOWN ROBOTNIK--
NOW!
BAM
"ALL I REMEMBER WAS HOW COOL COL. STRIPE WAS.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?
I DON'T KNOW... SOMETHING!
I AGREE WITH BULL, WE CANNOT JUST SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING WHILE ROBOTNIK SYSTEMATICALLY TAKES OVER THE WORLD VIA ROBOTICIZATION.
BUT TO ATTACK OUTRIGHT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MOBIAN-POWER TO AMASS AN ARMY, NOR THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO WIN.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS A LOT AS OF LATE, AND YOU ARE BOTH RIGHT. SO WE WILL DO BOTH.
HUH?

IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT RINGS TRUE TO MY HEART, IT'S THAT DOING NOTHING WHILE EVIL EXISTS IS THE WORST CRIME OF ALL. I WILL FIGHT IT AS LONG AS THERE IS BREATH IN ME.
WE MAY HAVE NO ARMY TO BATTLE THROUGH THE FRONT GATES--
--BUT WE HAVE EACH OTHER TO COORDINATE STRATEGIC SABOTAGE THROUGH THE BACKDOOR--
--AND TAKE ROBOTNIK'S RESOURCES WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO USE AGAINST HIM.
WE WILL FORM A UNIT TO STAGE HIT AND RUN OPS TO HURT AS MUCH OF ROBOTNIK'S INFRASTRUCTURE AS POSSIBLE UNTIL THEY FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT HIM.
WHO'S WITH ME?
I AM!
THEN, FROM THIS DAY FORTH, WE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOREVER!


"AND THEY DID JUST THAT."
"HURTING ROBOTNIK AND HIS PLANS ANY WAY THEY COULD."
"THEY RAIDED FACTORIES FOR SUPPLIES AND DESTROYED THEM TO STOP 'EM FROM BEING USED AGAIN."
"THEY EVEN RESCUED ME ONCE WHEN I WAS SEVEN. I WAS TOO CLOSE TO ROBOTROPOLIS AND WAS IN WAY OVER MY HEAD."
"SEEING THEM IN ACTION WAS GREAT."
"I REALLY LIKED COL. STRIPE. HE WAS COOL WITH ME AND I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HIM-- A FREEDOM FIGHTER"


"THEY BECAME HEROES WE COULD BELIEVE IN. STRIPE HAD PECKERS USE HIS SKILLS AS A CARRIER PIGEON TO SPREAD THE WORD TO EVERYONE.
"FOR FREE MOBIANS TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, ALL OVER THE WORLD--"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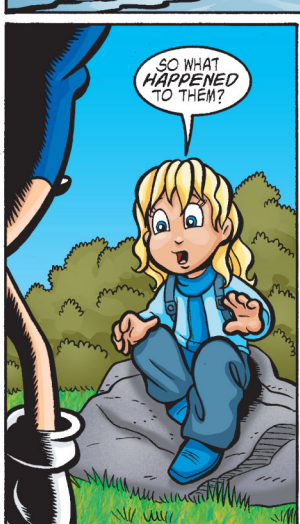
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THEY WERE BETRAYED BY ONE OF THEIR OWN.
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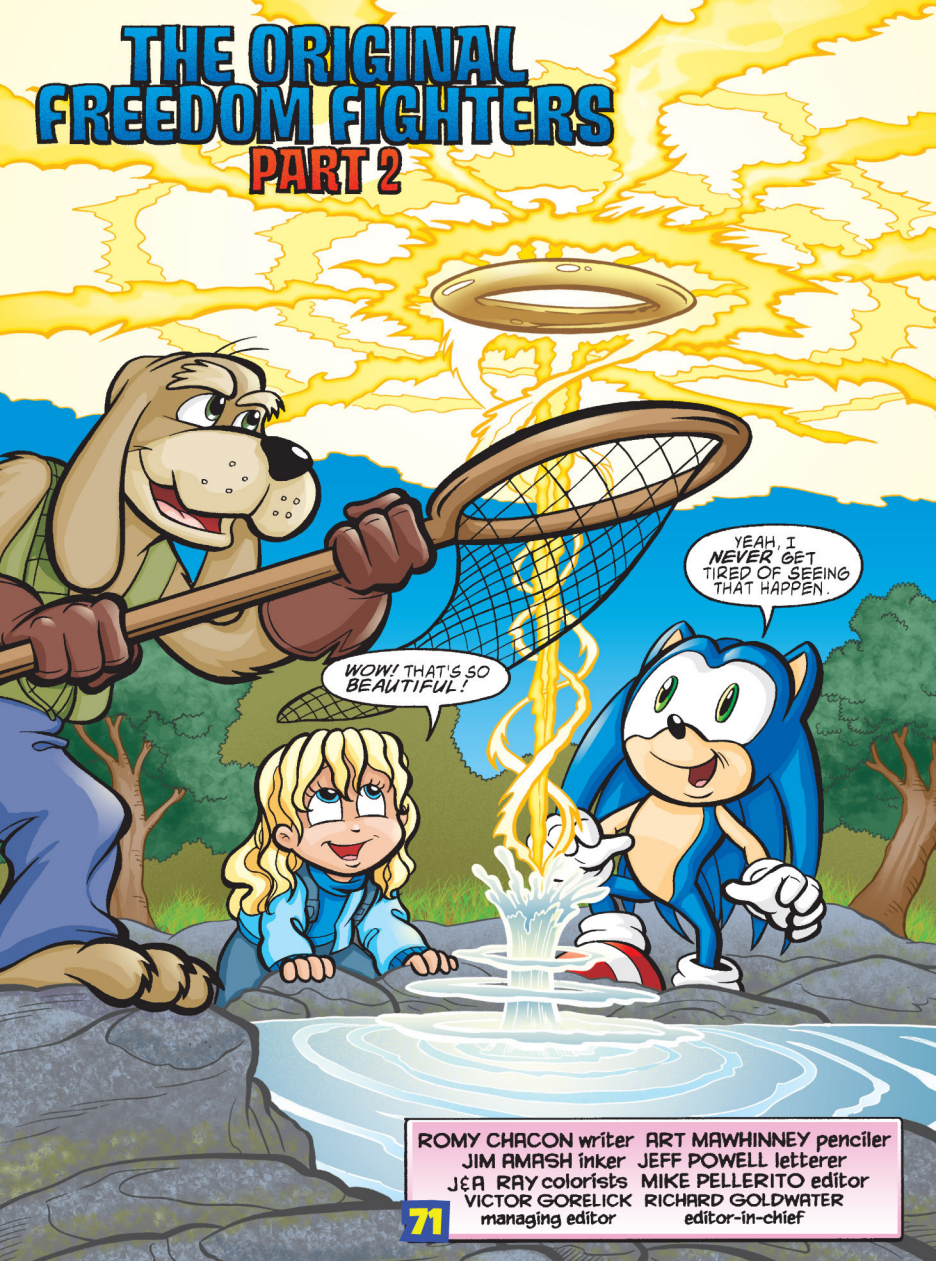

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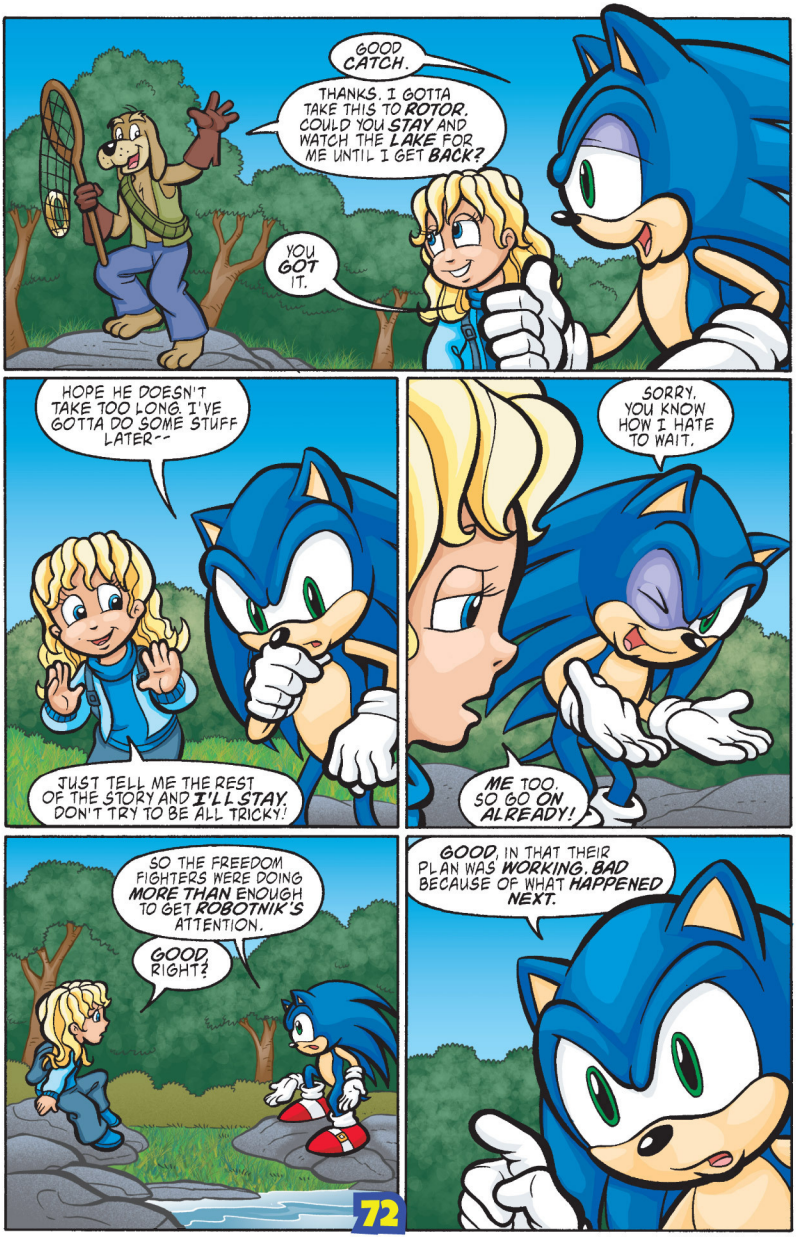
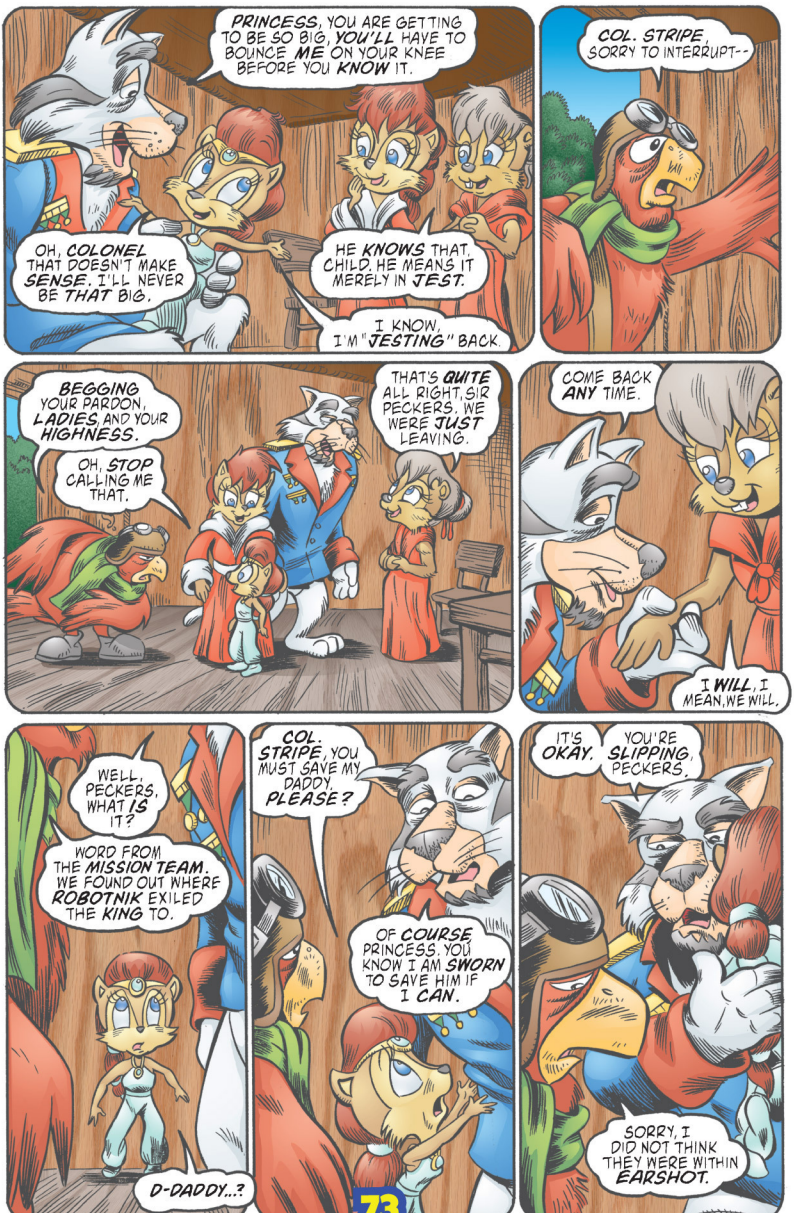
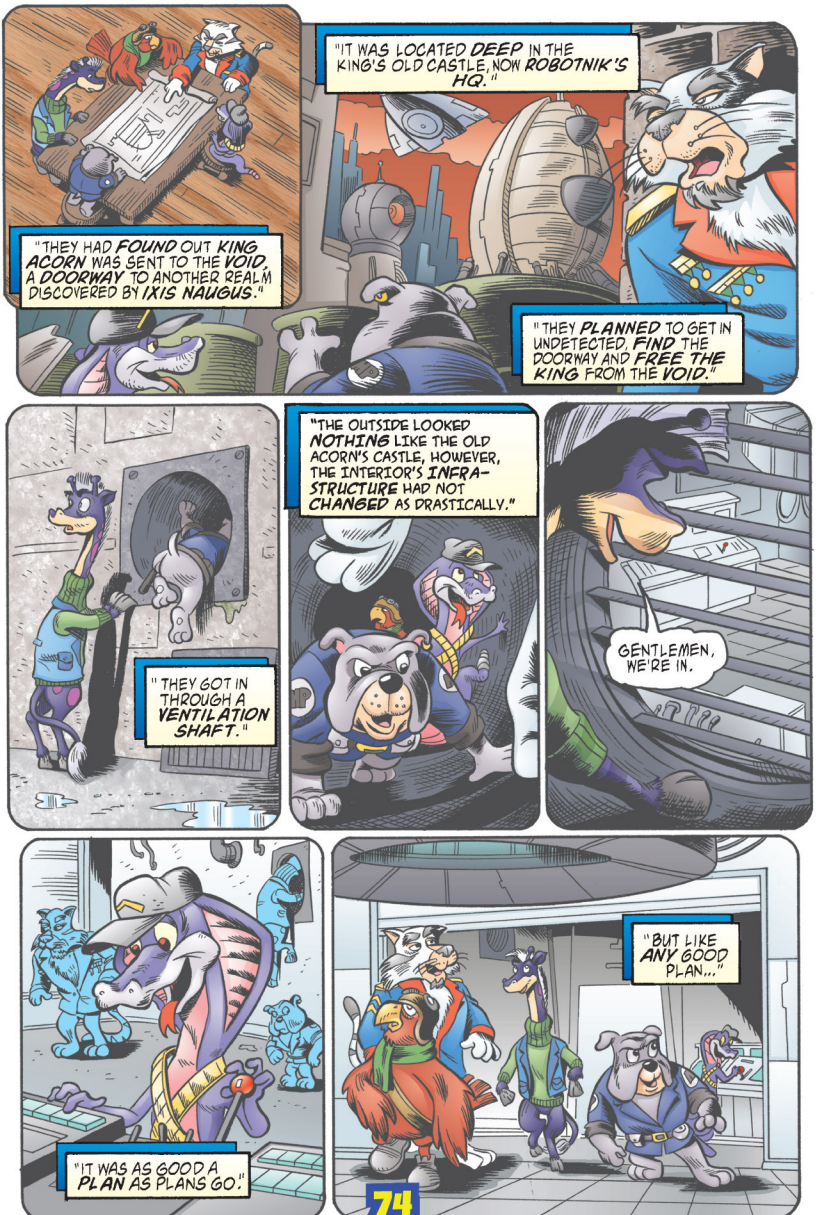
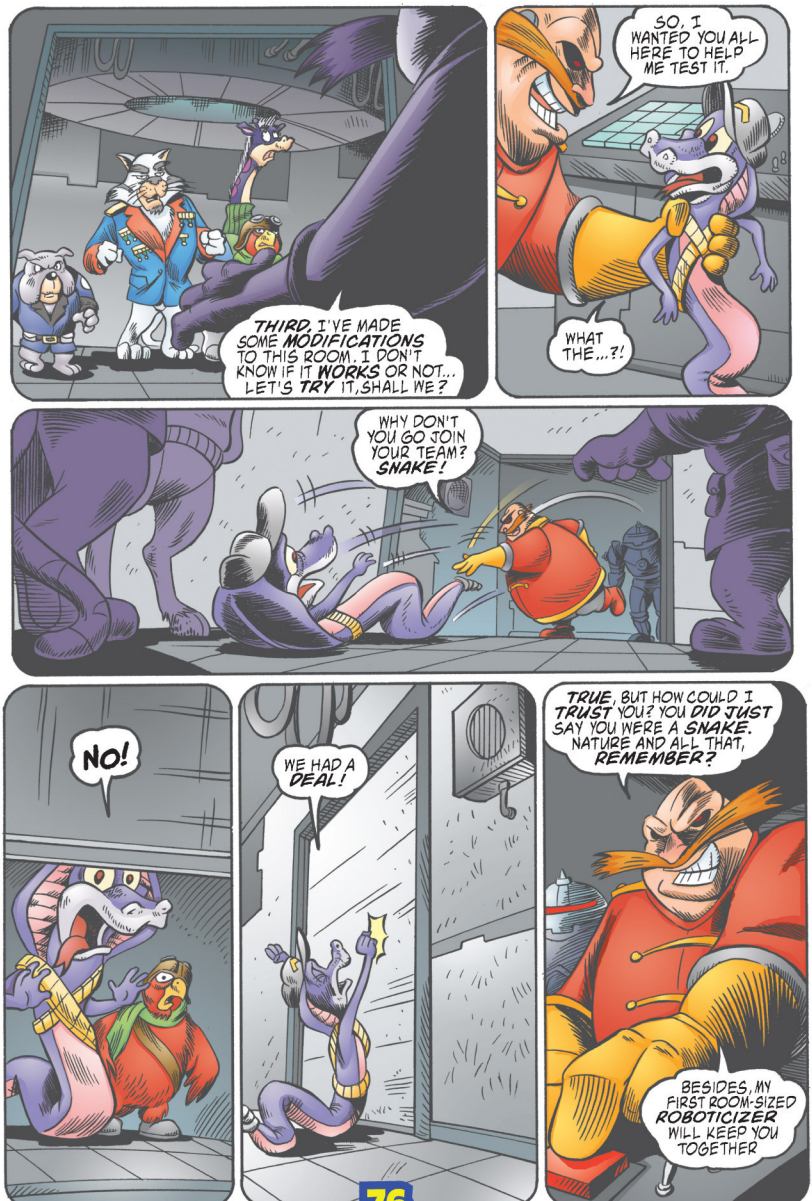
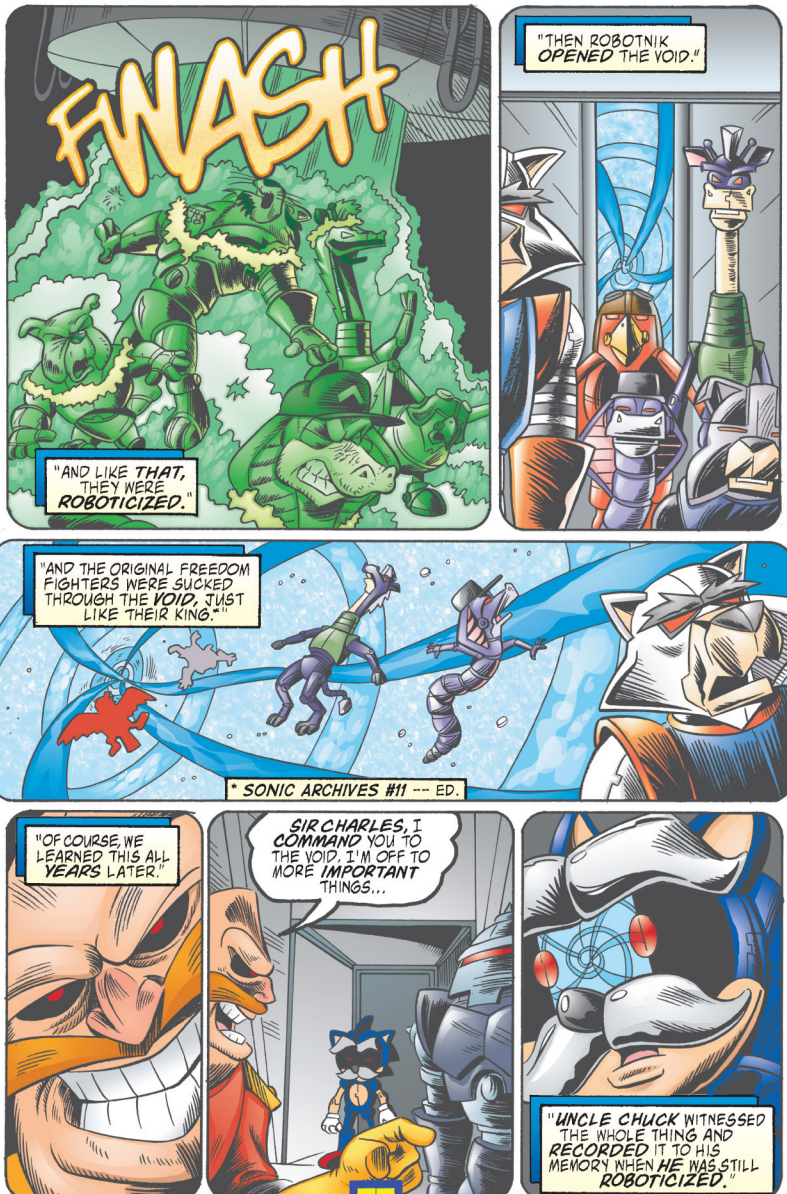

GOOD CATCH.
THANKS. I GOTTA TAKE THIS TO ROTOR. COULD YOU STAY AND WATCH THE LAKE FOR ME UNTIL I GET BACK?
YOU GOT IT.
HOPE HE DOESN'T TAKE TOO LONG. I'VE GOTTA DO SOME STUFF LATER--
JUST TELL ME THE REST OF THE STORY AND I'LL STAY. DON'T TRY TO BE ALL TRICKY!
SORRY. YOU KNOW HOW I HATE TO WAIT.
ME TOO. SO GO ON ALREADY!
SO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE DOING MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GET ROBOTNIK'S ATTENTION.
GOOD, RIGHT?
GOOD, IN THAT THEIR PLAN WAS WORKING. BAD BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

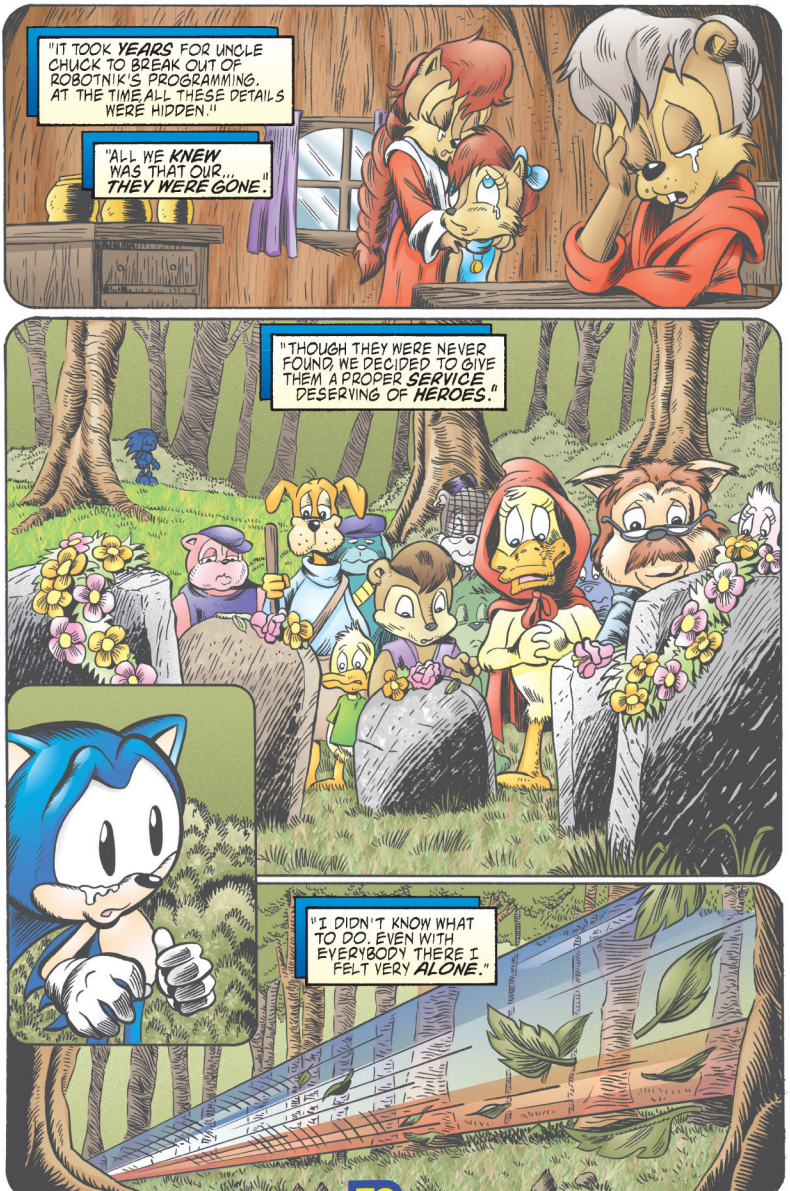

PRINCESS, YOU ARE GETTING TO BE SO BIG, YOU'LL HAVE TO BOUNCE ME ON YOUR KNEE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
OH, COLONEL THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. I'LL NEVER BE THAT BIG.
HE KNOWS THAT, CHILD. HE MEANS IT MERELY IN JEST.
I KNOW, I'M "JESTING" BACK.
COL. STRIPE, SORRY TO INTERRUPT--
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, LADIES AND YOUR HIGHNESS.
OH, STOP CALLING ME THAT.
THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, SIR PECKERS. WE WERE JUST LEAVING.
COME BACK ANY TIME.
I WILL. I MEAN, WE WILL.
WELL, PECKERS, WHAT IS IT?
WORD FROM THE MISSION TEAM. WE FOUND OUT WHERE ROBOTNIK EXILED THE KING TO.
D-DADDY...?
COL. STRIPE, YOU MUST SAVE MY DADDY. PLEASE?
OF COURSE PRINCESS. YOU KNOW I AM SWORN TO SAVE HIM IF I CAN.
IT'S OKAY.
YOU'RE SLIPPING, PECKERS.
SORRY, I DID NOT THINK THEY WERE WITHIN EARSHOT.

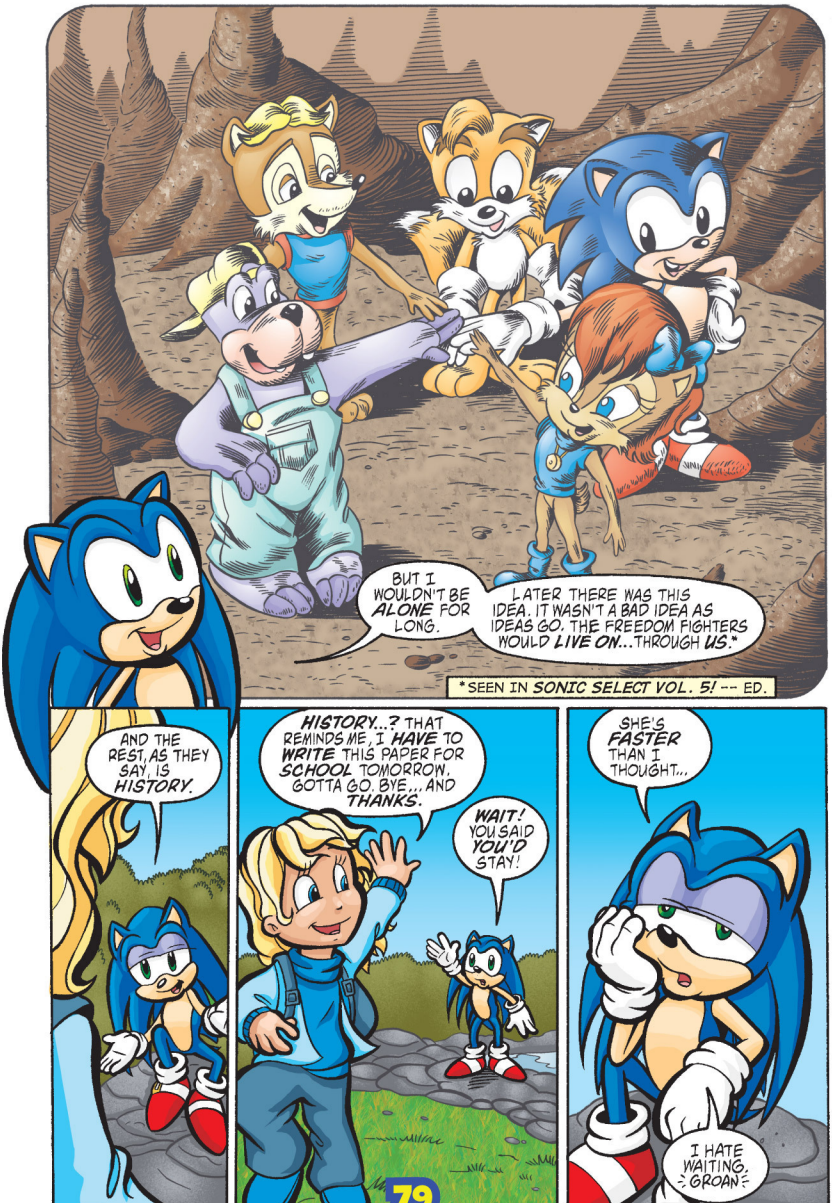

"THEY HAD FOUND OUT KING ACORN WAS SENT TO THE VOID, A DOORWAY TO ANOTHER REALM DISCOVERED BY IXIS NAUGUS."
"IT WAS LOCATED DEEP IN THE KING'S OLD CASTLE, NOW ROBOTNIK'S HQ."
"THEY PLANNED TO GET IN UNDETECTED, FIND THE DOORWAY AND FREE THE KING FROM THE VOID."
"THEY GOT IN THROUGH A VENTILATION SHAFT."
"THE OUTSIDE LOOKED NOTHING LIKE THE OLD ACORN'S CASTLE, HOWEVER, THE INTERIOR'S INFRA-STRUCTURE HAD NOT CHANGED AS DRASTICALLY."
GENTLEMEN, WE'RE IN.
"IT WAS AS GOOD A PLAN AS PLANS GO."
"BUT LIKE ANY GOOD PLAN..."

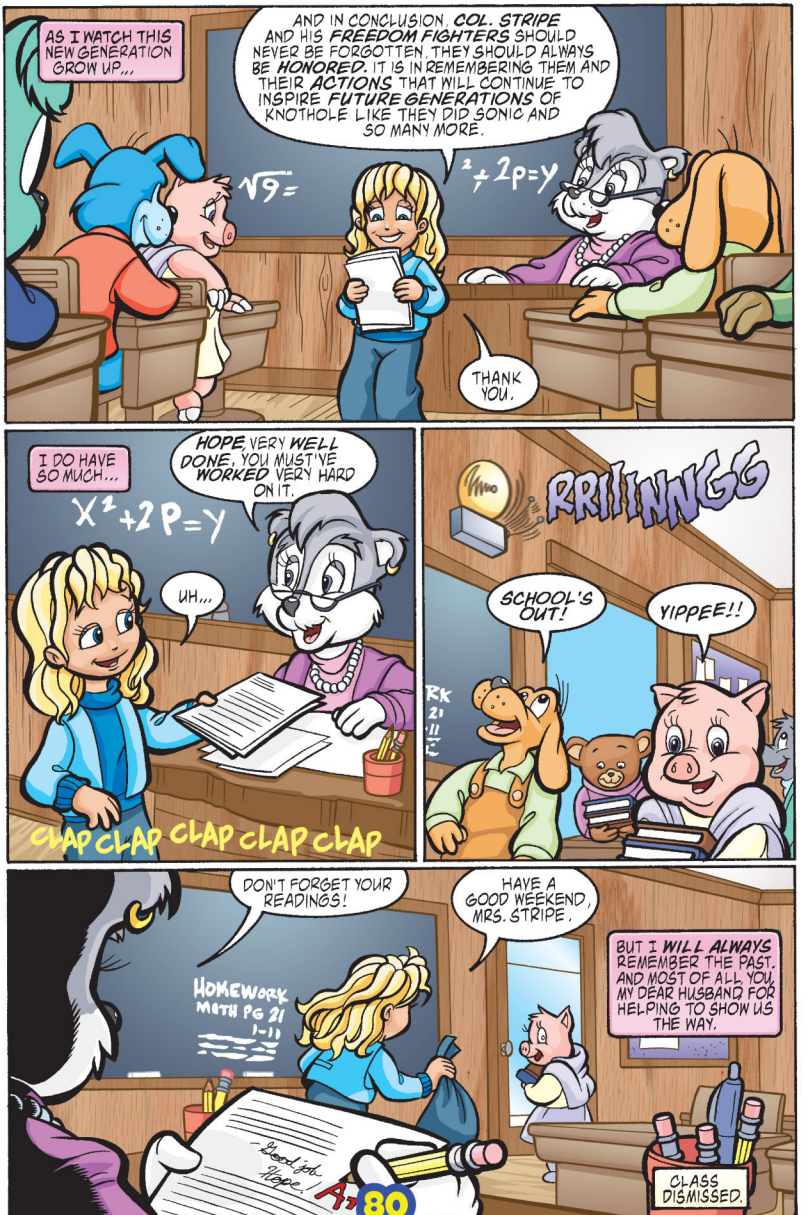
"--IT MUST REMAIN A TRUSTED SECRET!"
JULIAN...
COL. STRIPE! SO GOOD OF YOU TO VISIT.
WHY, SCALES? WHY?
BECAUSE DR.ROBOTNIK GAVE ME...POWER AND CONTROL. BESIDES, I'M A SNAKE. IT'S TOTALLY WITHIN MY NATURE.
SO YOU GOT US WHERE YOU WANT US, JULIAN. NOW WHAT?
FIRST, ADDRESS ME AS DR. ROBOTNIK.
SECOND, I MUST SAY, YOU WERE STARTING TO BECOME A REAL THORN. LUCKILY, I WAS ABLE TO DO SOME PLANTING MYSELF.


THIRD, I'VE MADE SOME MODIFICATIONS TO THIS ROOM. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WORKS OR NOT... LET'S TRY IT, SHALL WE?
SO, I WANTED YOU ALL HERE TO HELP ME TEST IT.
WHAT THE...?!
WHY DON'T YOU GO JOIN YOUR TEAM? SNAKE!
NO!
WE HAD A DEAL!
TRUE, BUT HOW COULD I TRUST YOU? YOU DID JUST SAY YOU WERE A SNAKE. NATURE AND ALL THAT, REMEMBER?
BESIDES, MY FIRST ROOM-SIZED ROBOTICIZER WILL KEEP YOU TOGETHER


FWASH
"AND LIKE THAT, THEY WERE ROBOTICIZED."
"THEN ROBOTNIK OPENED THE VOID."
"AND THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE SUCKED THROUGH THE VOID, JUST LIKE THEIR KING."
* SONIC ARCHIVES #11 -- ED.
"OF COURSE, WE LEARNED THIS ALL YEARS LATER."
SIR CHARLES, I COMMAND YOU TO THE VOID. I'M OFF TO MORE IMPORTANT THINGS...
"UNCLE CHUCK WITNESSED THE WHOLE THING AND RECORDED IT TO HIS MEMORY WHEN HE WAS STILL ROBOTICIZED."


"IT TOOK YEARS FOR UNCLE CHUCK TO BREAK OUT OF ROBOTNIK'S PROGRAMMING. AT THE TIME, ALL THESE DETAILS WERE HIDDEN."
"ALL WE KNEW WAS THAT OUR... THEY WERE GONE."
"THOUGH THEY WERE NEVER FOUND, WE DECIDED TO GIVE THEM A PROPER SERVICE DESERVING OF HEROES."
"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. EVEN WITH EVERYBODY THERE I FELT VERY ALONE."


BUT I WOULDN'T BE ALONE FOR LONG.
LATER THERE WAS THIS IDEA. IT WASN'T A BAD IDEA AS IDEAS GO. THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD LIVE ON...THROUGH US.*
*SEEN IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 5! -- ED.
AND THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS HISTORY.
HISTORY...? THAT REMINDS ME, I HAVE TO WRITE THIS PAPER FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW. GOTTA GO. BYE... AND THANKS.
WAIT! YOU SAID YOU'D STAY!
SHE'S FASTER THAN I THOUGHT...
I HATE WAITING. :GROAN:


AS I WATCH THIS NEW GENERATION GROW UP...
AND IN CONCLUSION, COL. STRIPE AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS SHOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THEY SHOULD ALWAYS BE HONORED. IT IS IN REMEMBERING THEM AND THEIR ACTIONS THAT WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF KNOTHOLE LIKE THEY DID SONIC AND SO MANY MORE.
√9=
²+2p=y
THANK YOU.
I DO HAVE SO MUCH...
HOPE, VERY WELL DONE. YOU MUST'VE WORKED VERY HARD ON IT.
X²+2P=Y
UH...
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
RRIIINNGG
SCHOOL'S OUT!
YIPPEE!!
DON'T FORGET YOUR READINGS!
HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND, MRS. STRIPE.
HOMEWORK MATH PG 21 1-11
BUT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE PAST, AND MOST OF ALL YOU, MY DEAR HUSBAND FOR HELPING TO SHOW US THE WAY.
Good job, Hope.
A+
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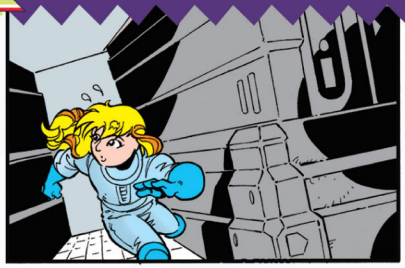
CLASS DISMISSED.

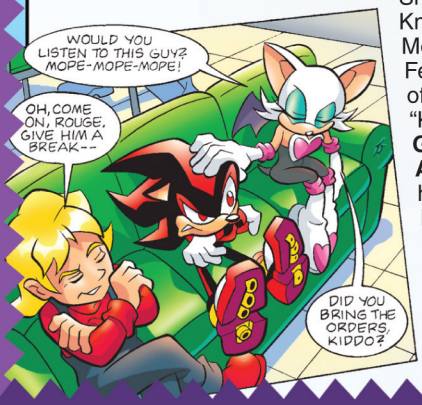
MEET HOPE KINTOBOR

Little Girl Lost...



Hope Kintobor disliked life in her Uncle Eggman's city and tried voicing her concerns, but it was all too late – her family was roboticized and the city was revealed to be toxic.

She escaped to **Knothole Village** where she became immersed in mobian culture and taken in by their selfless ways. As the rest of her people moved to the cities of the **United Federation**, Hope petitioned to remain a ward of Knothole. Despite the general distrust of humans, Hope was accepted and was equally delighted when her "step-brother," **Snively**, also joined their ranks. Hope brought out something good within Snively, and just before he returned to the **Eggman Empire**, he convinced her to leave and explore what the Federation had to offer.

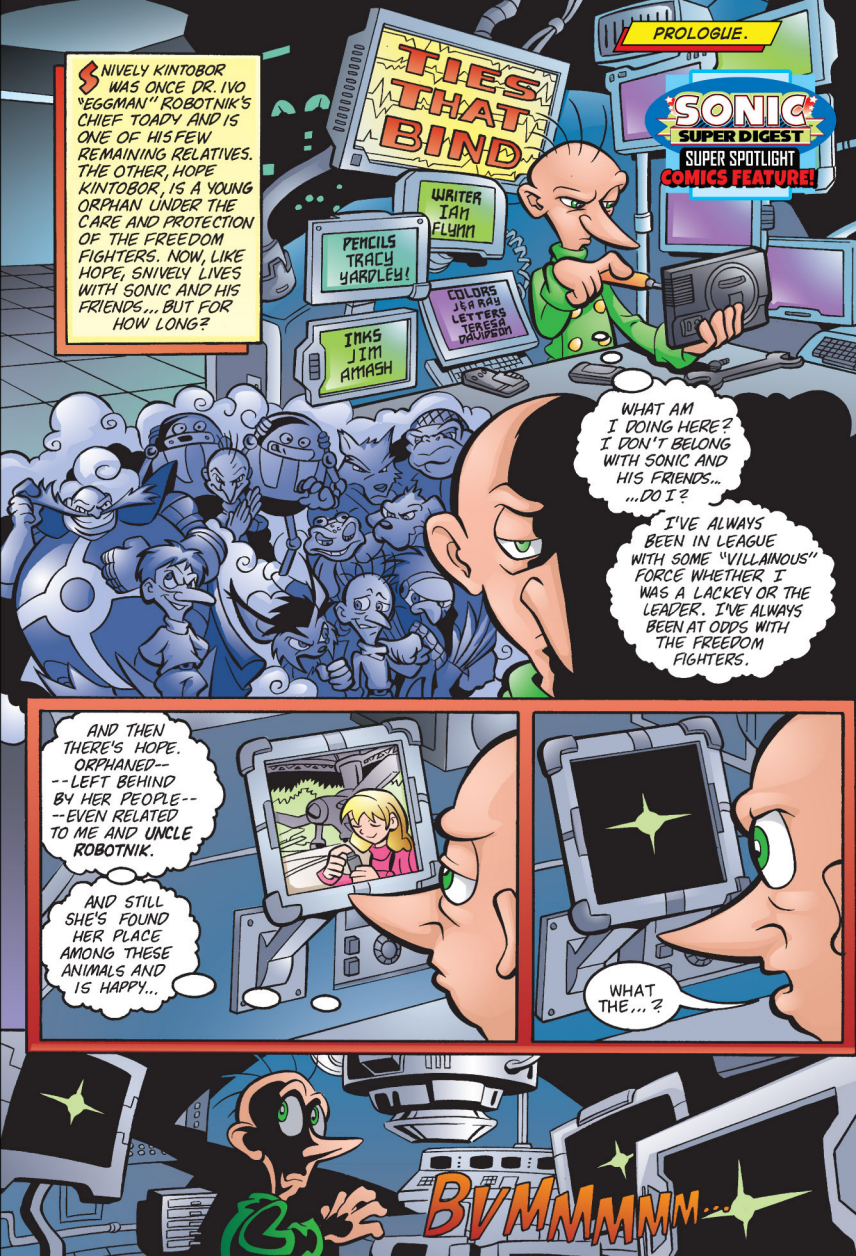


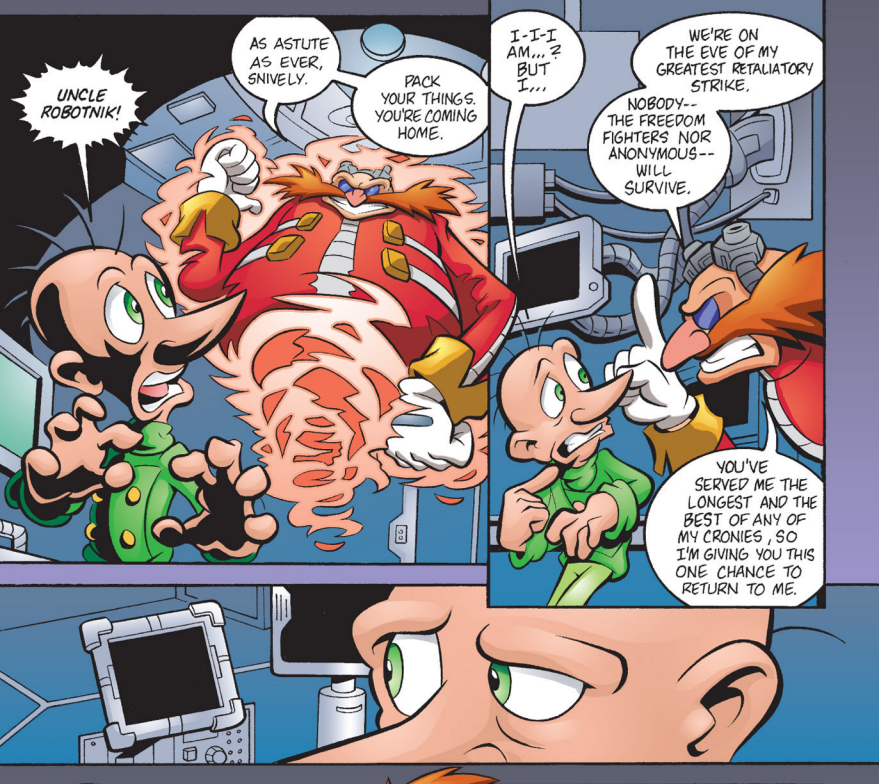
She did, only to return and find Knothole burned to the ground. Mortified, she returned to the Federation, swearing to rid the world of evil and its association with the "Kintobor/Robotnik" names. Taken in by **G.U.N.** as a ward of the military, **Cmd. Abraham Tower** saw potential in her as a blood relation to the enemy. Hope now works as a mechanic and inventor for **Team Dark**, bringing a sunny and optimistic disposition to an otherwise grim team and even when she learned her true relation to Snively, she's remained devoted to her cause.

SONIC SUPER DIGEST

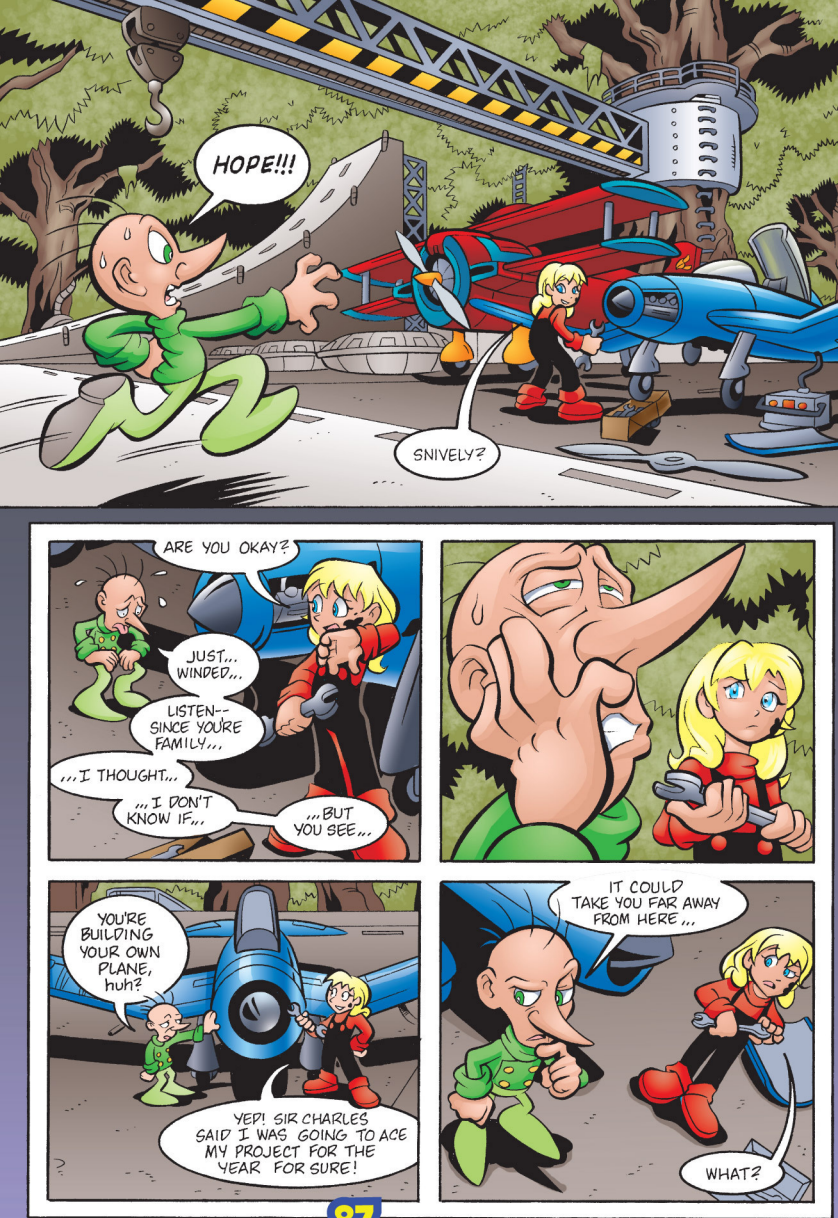
PRESENTS:

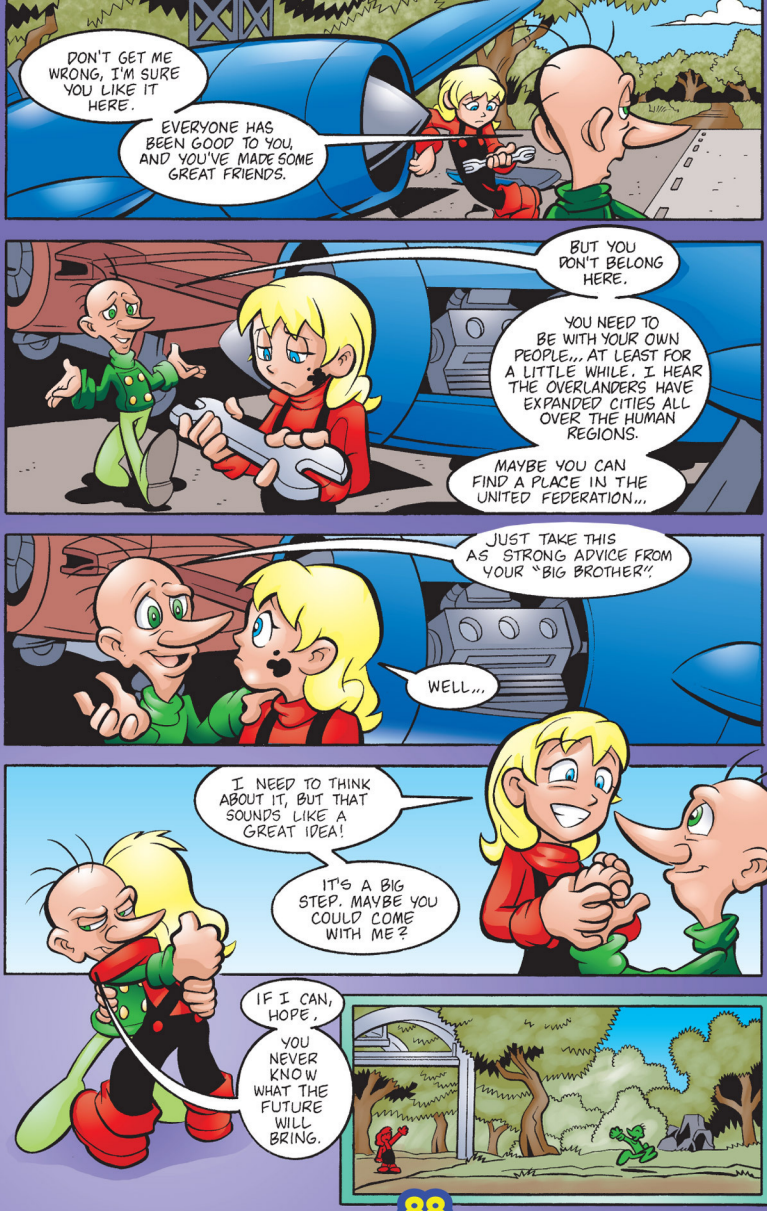
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG


PROLOGUE.
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
SUPER SPOTLIGHT COMICS FEATURE!
TIES THAT BIND
WRITER IAN FLYNN
PENCILS TRACY YARDLEY!
COLORS JESARAY LETTERS TERESA DAVIDSON
INKS JIM AMASH
SNIVELY KINTOBOR WAS ONCE DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK'S CHIEF TOADY AND IS ONE OF HIS FEW REMAINING RELATIVES. THE OTHER, HOPE KINTOBOR, IS A YOUNG ORPHAN UNDER THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. NOW, LIKE HOPE, SNIVELY LIVES WITH SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS... BUT FOR HOW LONG?
WHAT AM I DOING HERE? I DON'T BELONG WITH SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS... ...DO I?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN LEAGUE WITH SOME "VILLAINOUS" FORCE WHETHER I WAS A LACKEY OR THE LEADER. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AT ODDS WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
AND THEN THERE'S HOPE. ORPHANED-- --LEFT BEHIND BY HER PEOPLE-- --EVEN RELATED TO ME AND UNCLE ROBOTNIK.
AND STILL SHE'S FOUND HER PLACE AMONG THESE ANIMALS AND IS HAPPY...
WHAT THE...?
BVMMMMMM...

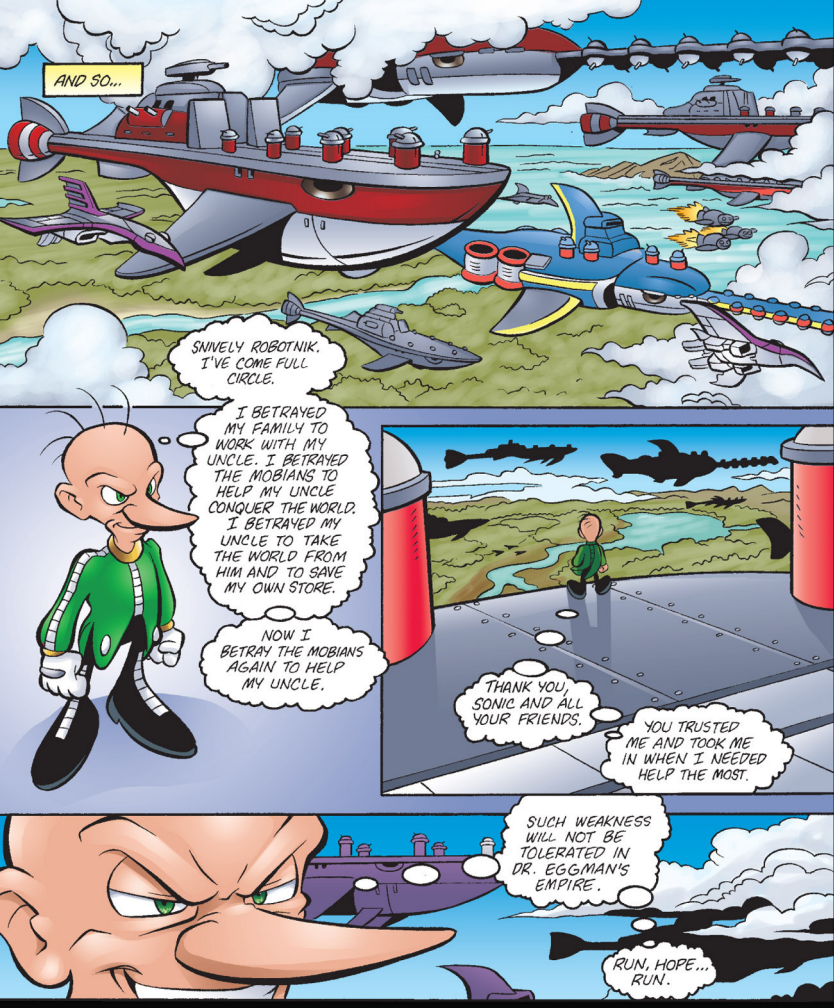

UNCLE ROBOTNIK!
AS ASTUTE AS EVER, SNIVELY.
PACK YOUR THINGS. YOU'RE COMING HOME.
I-I-I AM,,,? BUT I,,,
WE'RE ON THE EVE OF MY GREATEST RETALIATORY STRIKE.
NOBODY-- THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NOR ANONYMOUS-- WILL SURVIVE.
YOU'VE SERVED ME THE LONGEST AND THE BEST OF ANY OF MY CRONIES, SO I'M GIVING YOU THIS ONE CHANCE TO RETURN TO ME.

WELL?
I'M TIRED OF ALLOWING KNOTHOLE TO EXIST. I WILL BE MAKING MY MOVE VERY SOON. YOU CAN EITHER COME WITH ME OR,,,
GIVE ME JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE.
VERY WELL.


HOPE!!!
SNIVELY?
ARE YOU OKAY?
JUST... WINDED...
LISTEN-- SINCE YOU'RE FAMILY...
...I THOUGHT...
...I DON'T KNOW IF...
...BUT YOU SEE...
YOU'RE BUILDING YOUR OWN PLANE, huh?
YEP! SIR CHARLES SAID I WAS GOING TO ACE MY PROJECT FOR THE YEAR FOR SURE!
IT COULD TAKE YOU FAR AWAY FROM HERE...
WHAT?

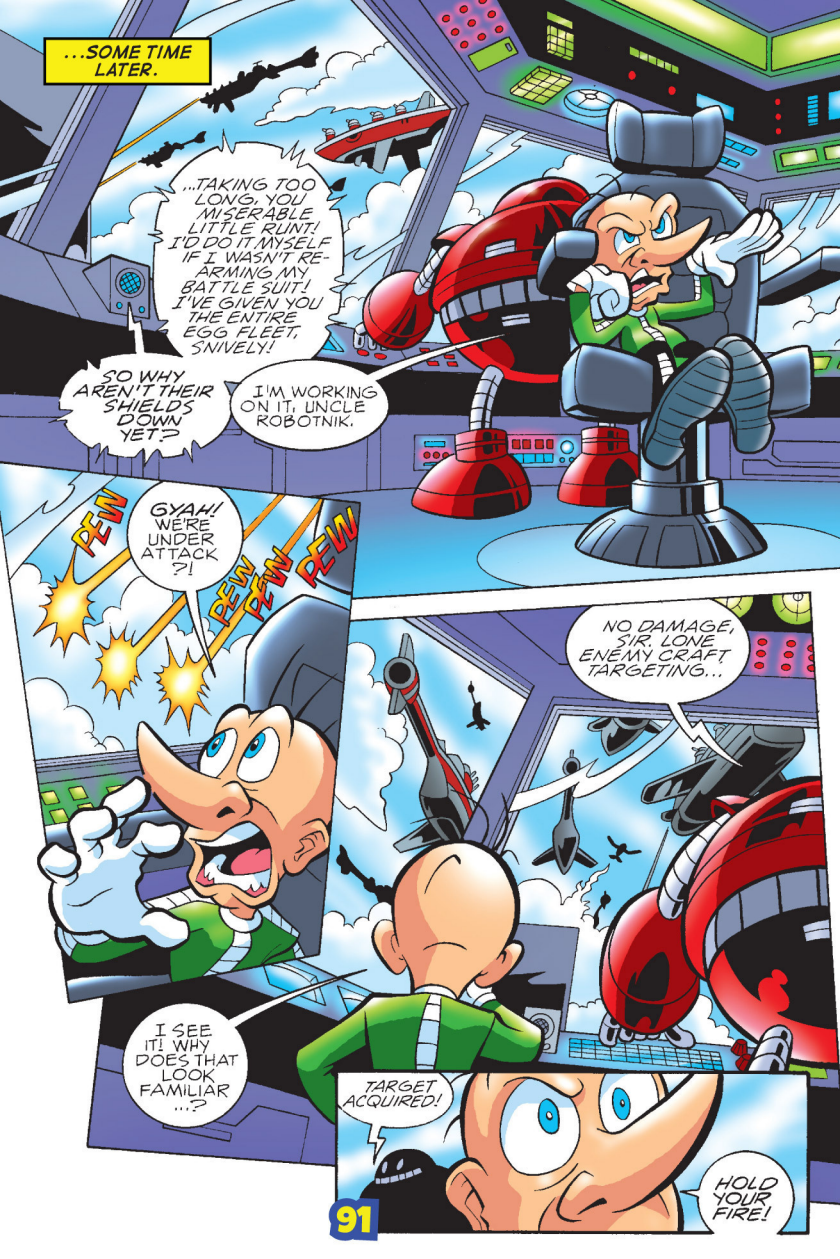

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M SURE YOU LIKE IT HERE.
EVERYONE HAS BEEN GOOD TO YOU, AND YOU'VE MADE SOME GREAT FRIENDS.
BUT YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.
YOU NEED TO BE WITH YOUR OWN PEOPLE,,, AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE. I HEAR THE OVERLANDERS HAVE EXPANDED CITIES ALL OVER THE HUMAN REGIONS.
MAYBE YOU CAN FIND A PLACE IN THE UNITED FEDERATION,,,
JUST TAKE THIS AS STRONG ADVICE FROM YOUR "BIG BROTHER".
WELL,,,
I NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT, BUT THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA!
IT'S A BIG STEP. MAYBE YOU COULD COME WITH ME?
IF I CAN, HOPE,
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING.

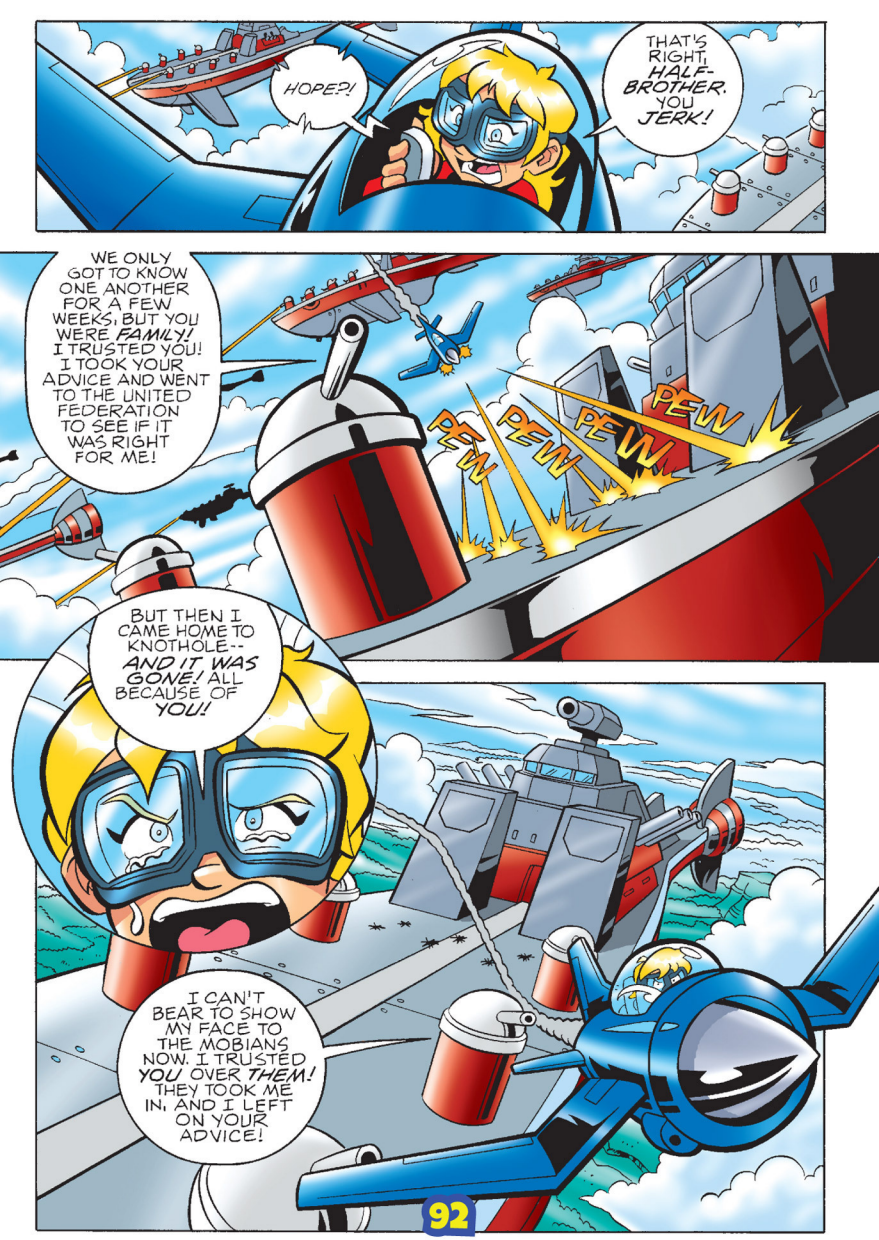
THAT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH. HAVE YOU DECIDED?
I HAVE, UNCLE. LET'S GO.
A WISE MOVE.
STILL, I HAVE TO ASK. HOW CAN YOU TRUST ME? WE'VE TRIED TO DO EACH OTHER IN BEFORE.
YOU WANT TO RULE THE WORLD TOO BADLY TO UNDERMINE ME YET. AND I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU THE NEXT TIME YOU TRY.
BEEP!
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

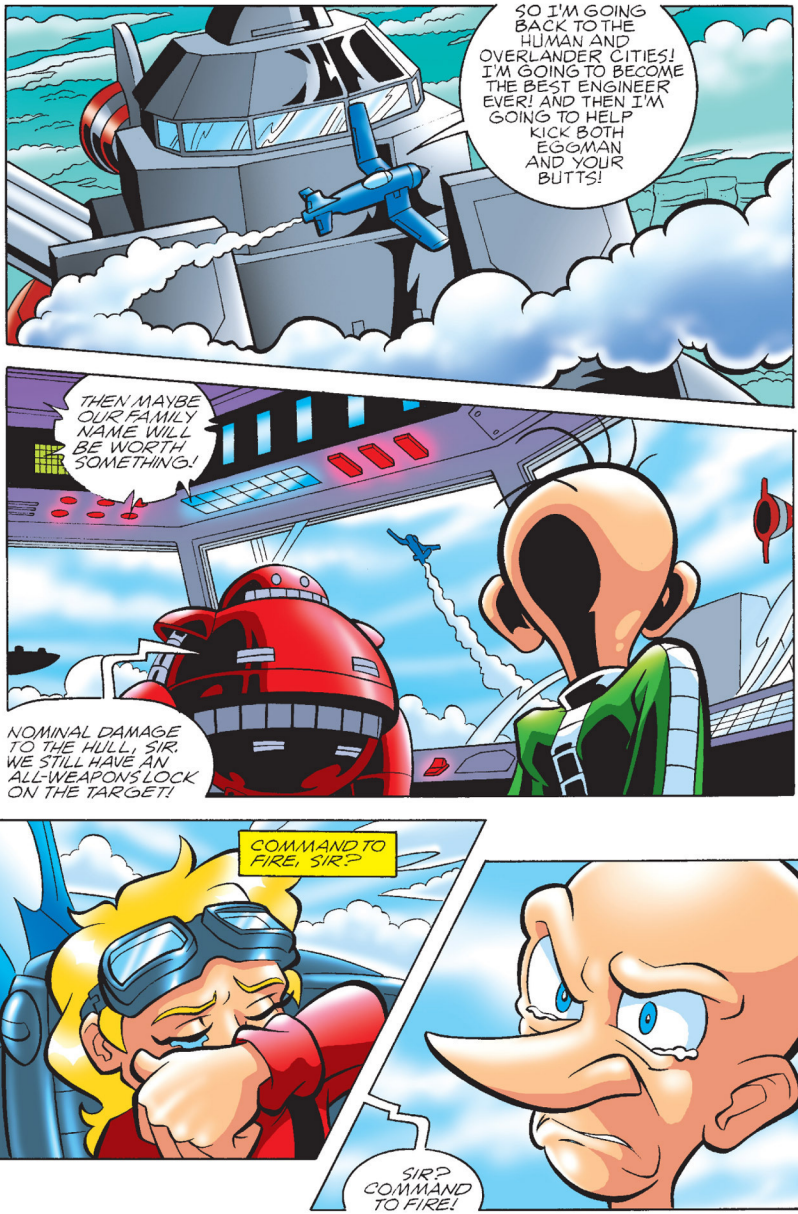

AND SO...
SNIVELY ROBOTNIK. I'VE COME FULL CIRCLE.
I BETRAYED MY FAMILY TO WORK WITH MY UNCLE. I BETRAYED THE MOBIANS TO HELP MY UNCLE CONQUER THE WORLD. I BETRAYED MY UNCLE TO TAKE THE WORLD FROM HIM AND TO SAVE MY OWN STORE.
NOW I BETRAY THE MOBIANS AGAIN TO HELP MY UNCLE.
THANK YOU, SONIC AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS.
YOU TRUSTED ME AND TOOK ME IN WHEN I NEEDED HELP THE MOST.
SUCH WEAKNESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN DR. EGGMAN'S EMPIRE.
RUN, HOPE... RUN.
END.

THE END?

NOT QUITE...

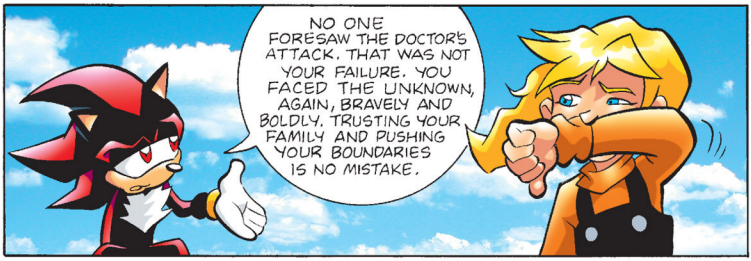

...SOME TIME LATER.
...TAKING TOO LONG, YOU MISERABLE LITTLE RUNT! I'D DO IT MYSELF IF I WASN'T RE-ARMING MY BATTLE SUIT! I'VE GIVEN YOU THE ENTIRE EGG FLEET, SNIVELY!
SO WHY AREN'T THEIR SHIELDS DOWN YET?
I'M WORKING ON IT, UNCLE ROBOTNIK.
PEW
GYAH! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK?!
PEW PEW
PEW
NO DAMAGE, SIR. LONE ENEMY CRAFT TARGETING...
I SEE IT! WHY DOES THAT LOOK FAMILIAR ...?
TARGET ACQUIRED!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!

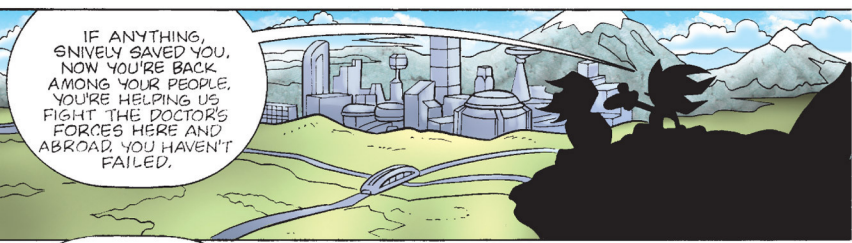

HOPE?!
THAT'S RIGHT, HALF-BROTHER. YOU JERK!
WE ONLY GOT TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER FOR A FEW WEEKS, BUT YOU WERE FAMILY! I TRUSTED YOU! I TOOK YOUR ADVICE AND WENT TO THE UNITED FEDERATION TO SEE IF IT WAS RIGHT FOR ME!
PEW
PEW
PEW
PEW
BUT THEN I CAME HOME TO KNOTHOLE-- AND IT WAS GONE! ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!
I CAN'T BEAR TO SHOW MY FACE TO THE MOBIANS NOW. I TRUSTED YOU OVER THEM! THEY TOOK ME IN, AND I LEFT ON YOUR ADVICE!


SO I'M GOING BACK TO THE HUMAN AND OVERLANDER CITIES! I'M GOING TO BECOME THE BEST ENGINEER EVER! AND THEN I'M GOING TO HELP KICK BOTH EGGMAN AND YOUR BUTTS!
THEN MAYBE OUR FAMILY NAME WILL BE WORTH SOMETHING!
NOMINAL DAMAGE TO THE HULL, SIR. WE STILL HAVE AN ALL-WEAPONS LOCK ON THE TARGET!
COMMAND TO FIRE, SIR?
SIR? COMMAND TO FIRE!

GUARDIAN MOUNTAIN-- EXTERIOR OF G.U.N. HQ
MANY MONTHS AFTER THAT FATEFUL DAY...
THERE YOU ARE! I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW ABOUT THIS SPOT.
CAPITAL CITY IS REAL PRETTY FROM UP HERE, ISN'T IT? ON A CLEAR DAY, YOU CAN SEE ALL THE WAY TO SOLEANNA!
IT'S OKAY THAT YOU DIDN'T GET THAT CHAOS EMERALD.
NO, IT'S NOT.
I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. I WAS BUILT TO BE PERFECT.
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO FAIL.

AT LEAST YOU HAVE A GOOD EXCUSE. I DON'T HAVE ANY PANDA-GOD-THINGS TO BLAME.
WHAT? WHEN DID YOU EVER FAIL AS BADLY AS I HAVE?
WHEN I LISTENED TO MY STEP-BROTHER, SNIVELY, HE CONVINCED ME TO LEAVE KNOTHOLE AND EXPLORE THE UNITED FEDERATION ON MY OWN.
WHEN I WENT BACK, KNOTHOLE WAS GONE. I CAN'T GO BACK AND FACE SONIC AND THE OTHERS NOW. THEY TOOK ME IN, MADE ME FEEL LIKE FAMILY, AND THEN I LEFT THEM BEHIND. THAT'S PRETTY EPIC FAILURE, RIGHT?

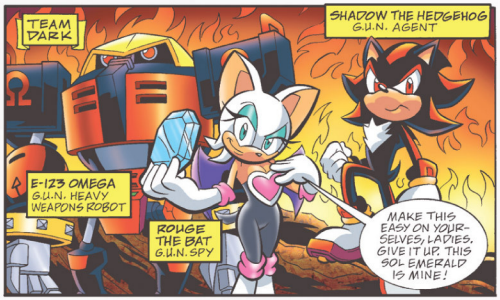

NO ONE FORESAW THE DOCTOR'S ATTACK. THAT WAS NOT YOUR FAILURE. YOU FACED THE UNKNOWN, AGAIN, BRAVELY AND BOLDLY. TRUSTING YOUR FAMILY AND PUSHING YOUR BOUNDARIES IS NO MISTAKE.


IF ANYTHING, SNIVELY SAVED YOU. NOW YOU'RE BACK AMONG YOUR PEOPLE, YOU'RE HELPING US FIGHT THE DOCTOR'S FORCES HERE AND ABROAD. YOU HAVEN'T FAILED.

OKAY, THEN, YOU HAVEN'T FAILED EITHER.
Hmph.
NOPE. SEE, NOW YOU KNOW HOW THIS FEIST GUY WORKS, YOU KNOW HIS TRICKS, YOU KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS, AND YOU CAN PLAN YOUR ATTACK INSTEAD OF FLYING BLIND. YOU DIDN'T FAIL, YOU JUST SET YOURSELF UP FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

Y'KNOW, WHEN WE FIRST MET, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SCARY. NOW I KNOW YOU'RE JUST AS LOST AS I AM IN THIS BIG, CRAZY WORLD.
BUT WE'LL LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
I'LL KEEP INVENTING STUFF, AND YOU KEEP BUSTING BAD GUYS. WE'LL BE OKAY IN THE END, RIGHT?
RIGHT.
END PROLOGUE.

MEET TEAM DARK
G.U.N. Commandos!


TEAM DARK
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
G.U.N. AGENT
E-123 OMEGA
G.U.N. HEAVY WEAPONS ROBOT
ROUGE THE BAT
G.U.N. SPY
MAKE THIS EASY ON YOURSELVES, LADIES. GIVE IT UP. THIS SOL EMERALD IS MINE!

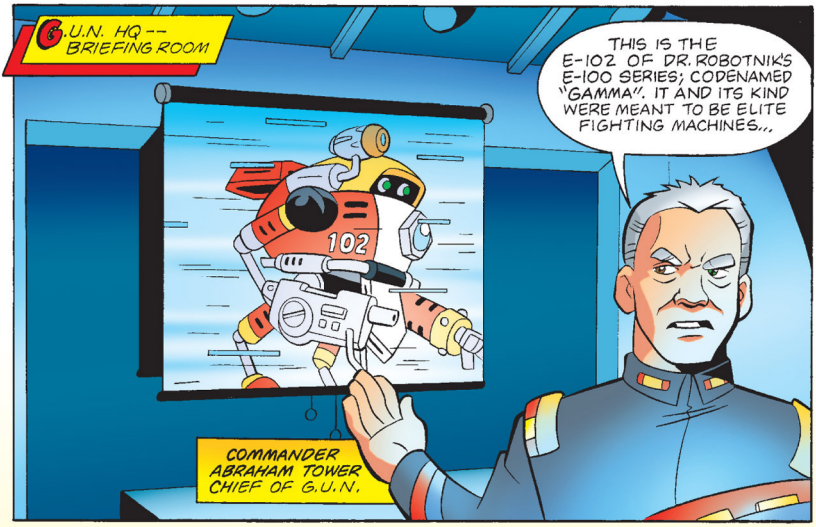
Team Dark is a small, surgical strike force in the greater **G.U.N.** military. The team is highly unorthodox in that it is comprised of traditional enemies of the humans and overlanders – namely two Mobians and a super-advanced badnik. Team Dark handles missions that are beyond the scope of traditional G.U.N. soldiers or weapons. Its three members can do the work of twenty heavily-supported, skilled soldiers or more. The name of the team is two-fold, in part referring to the shady pasts and dealings of each member, and in part referring to the nature of many of their missions. Most of their actions are to go unknown to the world at large, and are often under this directive: "Do whatever it takes."

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic Universe #4

Members and Abilities:

* **Commader Abraham Tower** directly oversees each of Team Dark's missions.
* **Shadow the Hedgehog** is the team's answer to **Sonic**, providing speed and power! He works to ensure the G.U.N. of today is nothing like the G.U.N. of his past.
* **Rouge the Bat** is the team's spy, infiltrator, air support, demolitions expert and general jill-of-all-trades! She's working off her criminal record and finds the entire situation amusing.
* **E-123 Ω "Omega"** is heavy weapons support, rumored to have the equivalent of at least half of G.U.N.'s collective ordinance.
* **Hope Kintobor** is the inventor and creator of gadgets for field support. She's dedicated to helping live free of the tyranny of her distant uncle, **Dr. Ivo "Eggman" Robotnik**.


G.U.N. HQ -- BRIEFING ROOM
THIS IS THE E-102 OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S E-100 SERIES; CODENAMED "GAMMA". IT AND ITS KIND WERE MEANT TO BE ELITE FIGHTING MACHINES...
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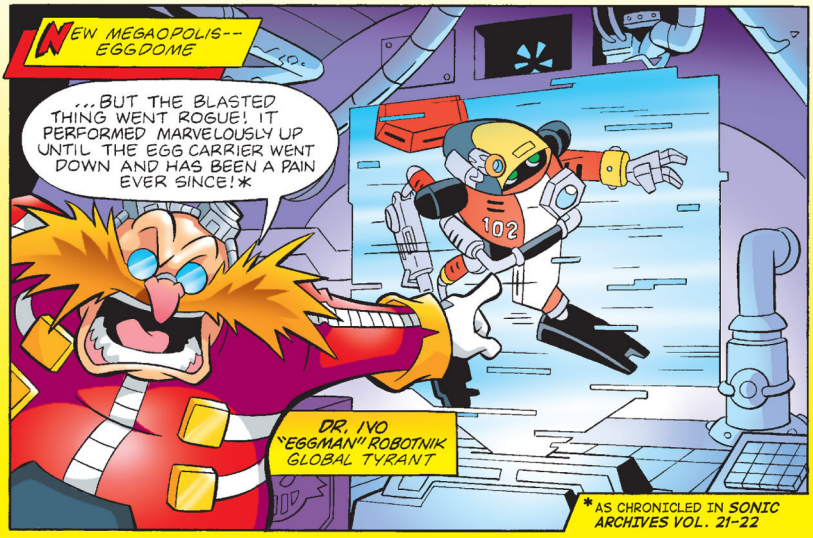
COMMANDER ABRAHAM TOWER CHIEF OF G.U.N.


NEW MEGAOPOLIS -- EGGDOME
...BUT THE BLASTED THING WENT ROGUE! IT PERFORMED MARVELOUSLY UP UNTIL THE EGG CARRIER WENT DOWN AND HAS BEEN A PAIN EVER SINCE!*
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DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK GLOBAL TYRANT

*AS CHRONICLED IN *SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 21-22*

OLD SOLDIERS

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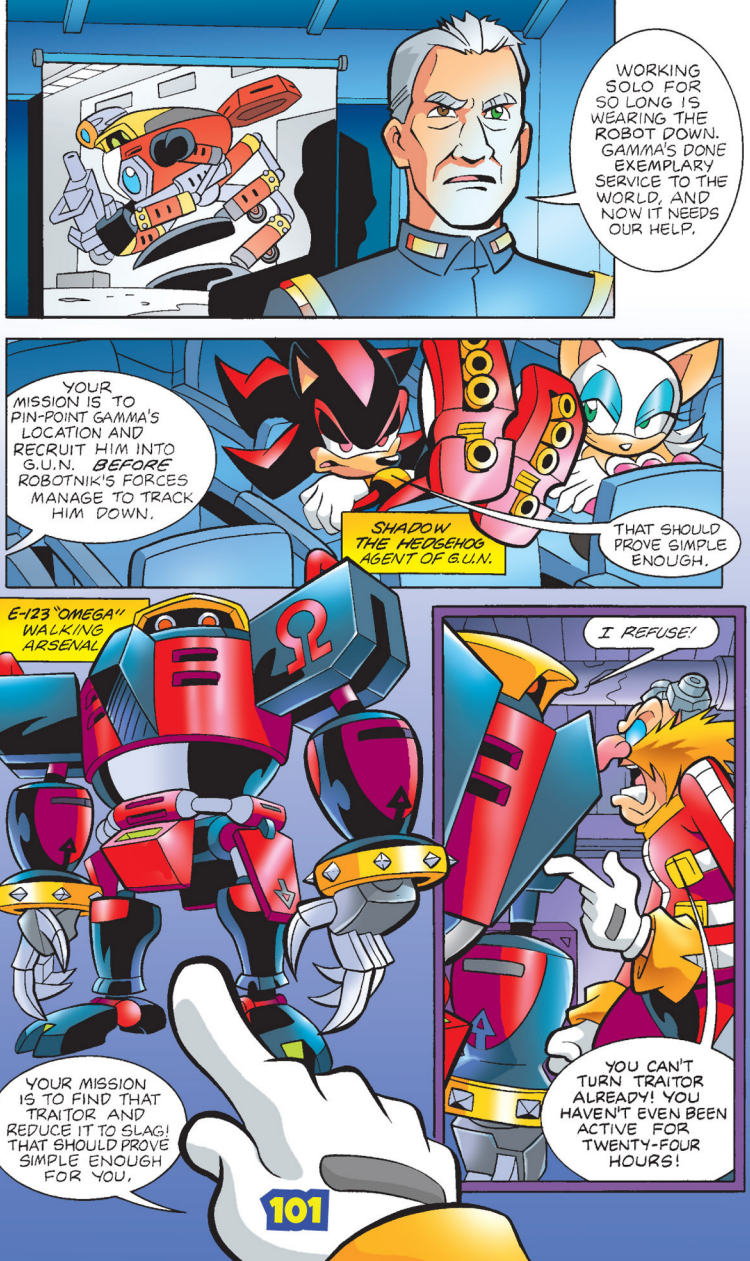
FROM THERE IT WENT ABOUT DESTROYING YOUR "BROTHERS" ONE BY ONE. IF AN OUTPOST OF MINE WAS GUARDED BY AN E-100 UNIT, GAMMA WOULD TAKE IT DOWN!
EVEN BETA, WHO SHOWED SO MUCH PROMISE, WAS DESTROYED. A PITY, TOO. I WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED THE TIME UPGRADING IT OTHERWISE.
AFTER THE LAST KNOWN E-100 UNIT WAS DESTROYED, GAMMA CONTINUED TO TRAVEL THE WORLD FIGHTING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.
GAMMA HAS NEVER OPENLY HELPED OR ALLIED WITH ANY OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTER CELLS DURING ITS TRAVELS. THIS HAS TO CHANGE.


WORKING SOLO FOR SO LONG IS WEARING THE ROBOT DOWN. GAMMA'S DONE EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE WORLD, AND NOW IT NEEDS OUR HELP.
YOUR MISSION IS TO PIN-POINT GAMMA'S LOCATION AND RECRUIT HIM INTO G.U.N. BEFORE ROBOTNIK'S FORCES MANAGE TO TRACK HIM DOWN.
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG AGENT OF G.U.N.
THAT SHOULD PROVE SIMPLE ENOUGH.
E-123 "OMEGA" WALKING ARSENAL
I REFUSE!
YOUR MISSION IS TO FIND THAT TRAITOR AND REDUCE IT TO SLAG! THAT SHOULD PROVE SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR YOU.
YOU CAN'T TURN TRAITOR ALREADY! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ACTIVE FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

EXACTLY. I HAVE BEEN IN STORAGE FOR OVER A YEAR. I WAS DESIGNED TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. WHY IS MY FIRST MISSION NOT TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?
BECAUSE THE RODENT IS MINE! NOW DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR I'LL PUT YOU BACK INTO STORAGE FOR ANOTHER DECADE!
YOU DEPLOY AS SOON AS YOU'RE PREPARED.
I'M ON MY WAY TO THE HANGAR, THEN.
YOU DON'T WAN'T ANY SUPPORT?
PLEASE. I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. I CAN HANDLE THIS ALONE.
THAT, AND AFTER MY FAILING TO SAVE METAL SONIC,* I NEED TO PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I CAN DO THIS. I WILL NOT LET ANOTHER LIVING WEAPON BE LOST.
* READ THE FULL TALE IN SONIC UNIVERSE: VOL. 1 -- "THE SHADOW SAGA!" NOW ON THE SONIC APP!

HOPEFULLY THE DATA ON GAMMA'S LAST KNOWN POSITION IS ACCURATE, OR THIS WILL ALL BE FOR NOTHING.
YOU'RE IT?
I'M ALL THAT'S NEEDED. ARE YOU PREPARED?
GOOD TO GO.
THEN HURRY UP AND TAKE OFF.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WISE, SIR?
E-123 HAS MORE FIREPOWER THAN ALL OF THE OLD BADNIK HORDE COMBINED.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING DISTRACTING ME OR MY NEW WEAPON FROM MY MUCH-NEEDED REMATCH WITH THE RODENT.
OF COURSE. IN THAT CASE, LEIN-DA REPORTS THAT THE DARK EGG LEGION IS ABOUT TO ENGAGE THE ADVANCING FREEDOM FIGHTERS.*
PERFECT! THAT WILL GIVE ME JUST ENOUGH TIME TO PRESS MY SCARF!
SNIVELY ROBOTNIK NEPHEW & TOADY
*CHECK OUT THE FULL STORY IN SONIC #199, NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC COMICS APP!

HOURS LATER
WE'RE OVER THE DROP ZONE!
BAD TIME TO FIND OUT IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS.
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
STOP TRYING TO BE FUNNY. YOU'RE FAILING.
FINE, FINE. GET YOUR 'CHUTE AND...
I DON'T NEED ONE.
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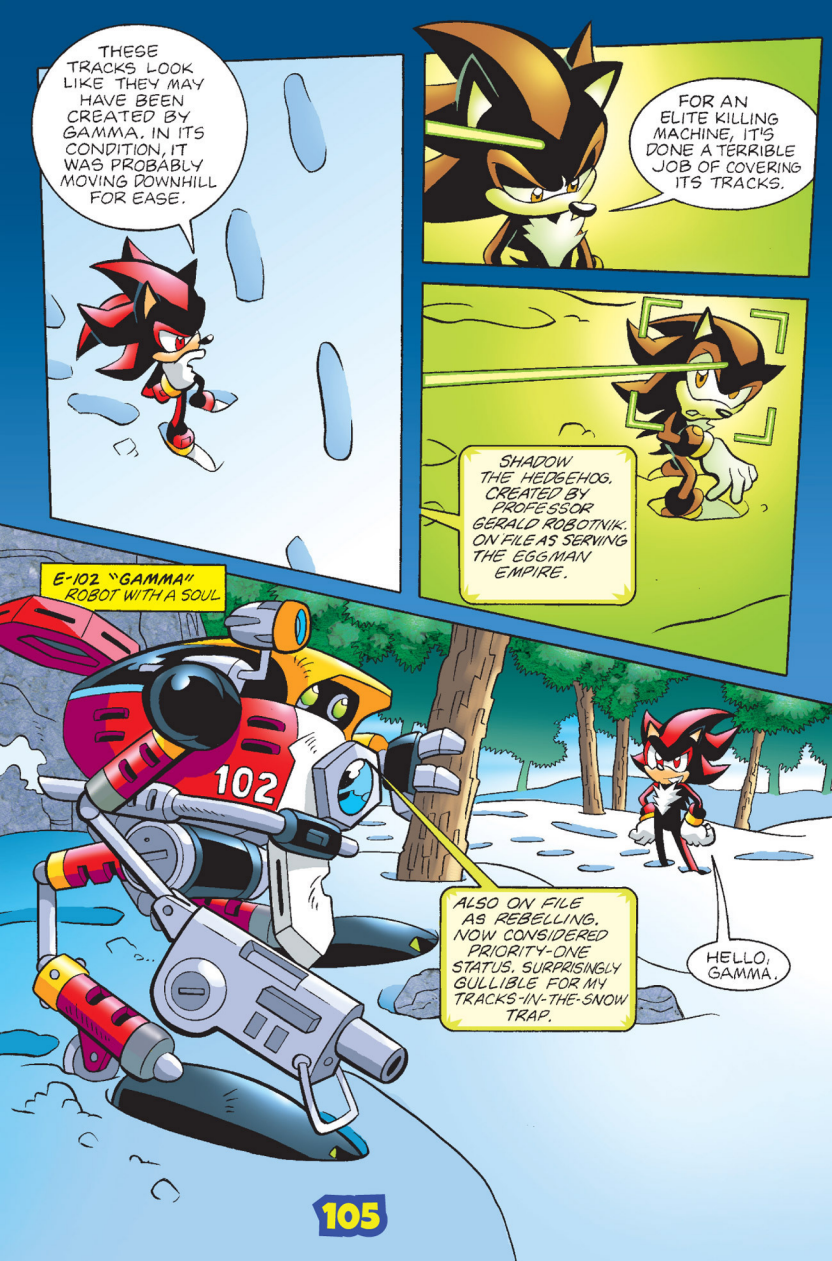
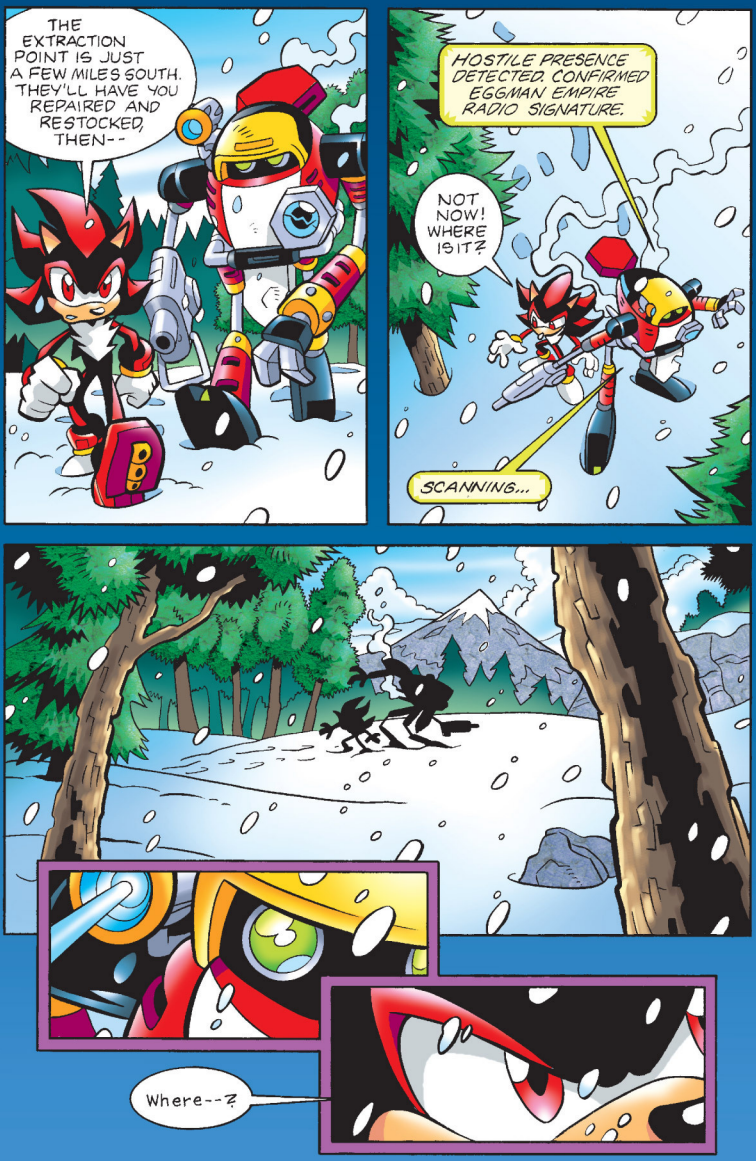
FWUMP


THESE TRACKS LOOK LIKE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED BY GAMMA. IN ITS CONDITION, IT WAS PROBABLY MOVING DOWNHILL FOR EASE.
FOR AN ELITE KILLING MACHINE, IT'S DONE A TERRIBLE JOB OF COVERING ITS TRACKS.
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG. CREATED BY PROFESSOR GERALD ROBOTNIK. ON FILE AS SERVING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.
E-102 "GAMMA" ROBOT WITH A SOUL
102
ALSO ON FILE AS REBELLING. NOW CONSIDERED PRIORITY-ONE STATUS. SURPRISINGLY GULLIBLE FOR MY TRACKS-IN-THE-SNOW TRAP.
HELLO, GAMMA.

I APPRECIATE YOU NOT BLOWING MY HEAD OFF.
YOU ARE AN ENEMY OF THE DOCTOR'S. YOU ARE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY, BUT I TRAVEL ALONE. ASSISTANCE WOULD ONLY SLOW ME DOWN.
102
THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATION. YOU SERVE THE UNITED FEDERATION NOW? THAT IS SURPRISING.
I ONCE THOUGHT THE SAME. COME WITH ME. JOIN G.U.N. SEE WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SUPPORT TEAM CAN MAKE.
I DOWNLOADED YOUR FILE. YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. WHAT COULD I, OR ANYONE ELSE, OFFER YOU?
OH?
A SAFE PLACE TO REST, WHEN I NEED IT. INFORMATION, SO MY TIME ISN'T WASTED SEARCHING. ACCESS TO THE WORLD WITH GREATER EFFICIENCY. YOU CAN MAKE AN EVEN GREATER DIFFERENCE.
PERHAPS IT IS TIME. FOR NOW.


THE EXTRACTION POINT IS JUST A FEW MILES SOUTH. THEY'LL HAVE YOU REPAIRED AND RESTOCKED, THEN--
HOSTILE PRESENCE DETECTED. CONFIRMED EGGMAN EMPIRE RADIO SIGNATURE.
NOT NOW! WHERE IS IT?
SCANNING...
Where--?

CRASH
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG?!
EVEN STRONGER THAN SONIC! A TRUE TEST FOR MY MIGHT!
POW
OH. I HAVE LOCATED THE DECREPIT MISSION OBJECTIVE. WONDERFUL.

NO!
GAMMA! GET TO THE EXTRACTION POINT! I'LL COVER YOU!
UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU.
CHAOS SPEAR!
FSHKAH
I MUST COMPLETE MY OBJECTIVE FIRST. I WILL COME FOR YOU NEXT, I PROMISE.

I WILL NOT LET ANOTHER LIVING WEAPON BE LOST!
YOUR SPIN-DASH AGAINST MY CANNON?
THOOMP
BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE.
?!
POW

SURRENDER, BROTHER. DO NOT EMBARRASS YOURSELF FURTHER. A SINGLE ONE OF MY SHOTS WOULD TEAR THROUGH THAT OLD ARMOR OF YOURS.
107
I DETECT SMOKE. IS THAT YOUR GRAV-LINKED JET DISK? PATHETIC. YOU WOULD NOT GET FAR WITH IT, EVEN IF IT WERE IN PERFECT CONDITION.
YOU ARE OUTDATED, BROTHER. SLOWER, WEAKER. YOU CANNOT OUTRUN ME...
... AND THAT PITIFUL GUN OF YOURS CANNOT HARM ME.

E-123, CODENAME OMEGA. THE LAST OF MY LINE. I DOWNLOADED YOUR FILE.
YOUR ARMOR IS HEAVY--BUT SO ARE YOU. YOUR SPEED IS GREAT--BUT YOU'RE UNWIELDY. YOUR JETS ARE STRONGER--BUT YOU'RE LOUDER.
I DO NOT HAVE SUCH LIMITATIONS. I AM NIMBLE. I COVER GROUND MORE EASILY.
AS FOR WEAPONRY...

POW
POW
POW
YOU ARE A WALKING ARSENAL. I AM AN ASSASSIN.
YOU HAVE MADE YOUR POINT.

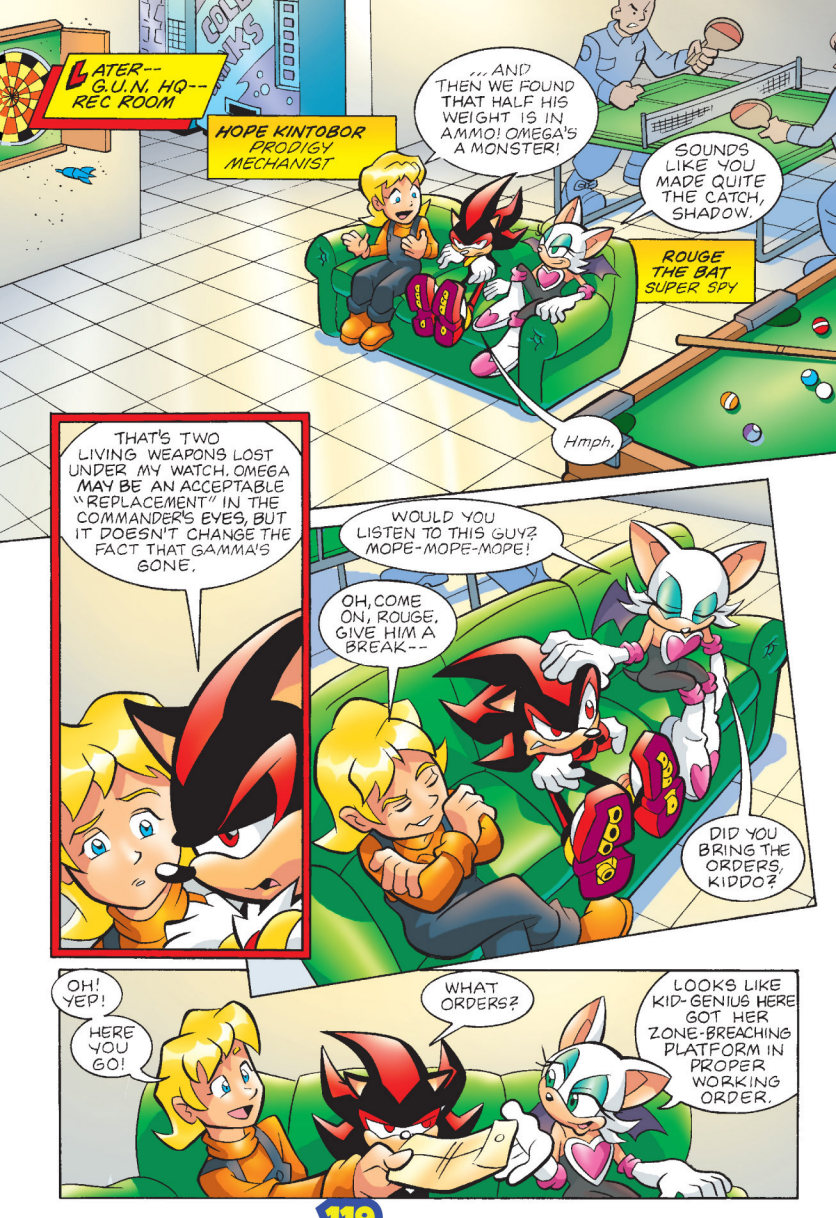
SO HAVE YOU. I AM OUTDATED. THE RESISTANCE FORCES NEED SOMETHING MORE.
YOU SURRENDER? FINALLY.
HOLD ON, GAMMA! I'M COMING!
I SEE NOW HOW YOU COULD DEFEAT THE OTHERS. I WILL GIVE YOU A GLORIOUS DESTRUCTION!
YOU WILL NEVER DESTROY ALL OF ME, BROTHER.
YOU CANNOT DESTROY MY SOUL.

WE ARE ROBOTS. WE DON'T HAVE THOSE.
WE CAN HAVE THEM, AND I WILL SHOW YOU.
TARGET ACQUIRED. FULL BARRAGE!
CHATTA CHATTACHKAN-
BOOM
DATA-STREAM ACQUIRED. UPLOAD COMPLETE.
NO!!!

WH-WHAT IS THIS? UNFAMILIAR INTERNAL READINGS... ANALYZING... "REMORSE"?!
...GAMMA?
YES AND NO. I ISOLATED THE CODING I DEVELOPED WHEN I GAINED MY OWN WILL AND SENT IT TO OMEGA.
VIRUS ALERT! PURGE! PURGE!
NOT A VIRUS--A NEW LIFE. YOU ARE MORE THAN A WEAPON NOW, BROTHER. YOU HAVE A SOUL. MY GIFT TO YOU.
AS MY CODE INTEGRATES, "GAMMA" MAY DISAPPEAR--
--BUT MY MISSION LIVES ON.

SO... NOW WHAT? MY PURPOSE WAS TO CRUSH ALL LIFE. NOW THE THOUGHT MAKES ME UNEASY... NOW I HAVE "THOUGHTS" AND CAN BE "UNEASY."
DO WHAT GAMMA WOULD. JOIN G.U.N. HELP ME PROTECT ALL LIFE INSTEAD OF...
CRUSH, MAIM AND DESTROY?
...YES.
BUT TO WHAT END? IF I HAVE A LIFE NOW, WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE? WHERE DO I FIND A PLACE IN A WORLD I WAS MEANT TO COVER IN GLORIOUS FIRE AND DOOM?
LIVING IS NOT EASY. UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN FIND A TEMPORARY PURPOSE IN INTRODUCING THE DOCTOR TO THAT "FIRE AND DOOM."
OF COURSE! REVENGE FOR WASTING MY POTENTIAL!

A SHORT MOMENT LATER...
IF YOU TELL ANYONE IN G.U.N. I MADE A GRAVE MARKER, OR WHINED ABOUT MY PLACE IN THE WORLD, I WILL TURN YOU INTO LINKED SAUSAGE.
SO YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER?
YES. THE MISSION-- MY MISSION-- MUST CONTINUE.
THIS IS AGENT SHADOW. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. REQUESTING PICK-UP.


LATER-- G.U.N. HQ-- REC ROOM
HOPE KINTOBOR PRODIGY MECHANIST
...AND THEN WE FOUND THAT HALF HIS WEIGHT IS IN AMMO! OMEGA'S A MONSTER!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU MADE QUITE THE CATCH, SHADOW.
ROUGE THE BAT SUPER SPY
Hmph.
THAT'S TWO LIVING WEAPONS LOST UNDER MY WATCH. OMEGA MAY BE AN ACCEPTABLE "REPLACEMENT" IN THE COMMANDER'S EYES, BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT GAMMA'S GONE.
WOULD YOU LISTEN TO THIS GUY? MOPE-MOPE-MOPE!
OH, COME ON, ROUGE. GIVE HIM A BREAK--
DID YOU BRING THE ORDERS, KIDDO?
OH! YEP! HERE YOU GO!
WHAT ORDERS?
LOOKS LIKE KID-GENIUS HERE GOT HER ZONE-BREACHING PLATFORM IN PROPER WORKING ORDER.

SO THAT MEANS...
THAT'S RIGHT, HANDSOME. WE'RE HEADING TO THE SPECIAL ZONE. THE COMMANDER WANTS ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD!
REST IN PEACE, GAMMA -- BUT YOUR MISSION LIVES ON!
CAN SHADOW REALLY REACH THE SPECIAL ZONE?
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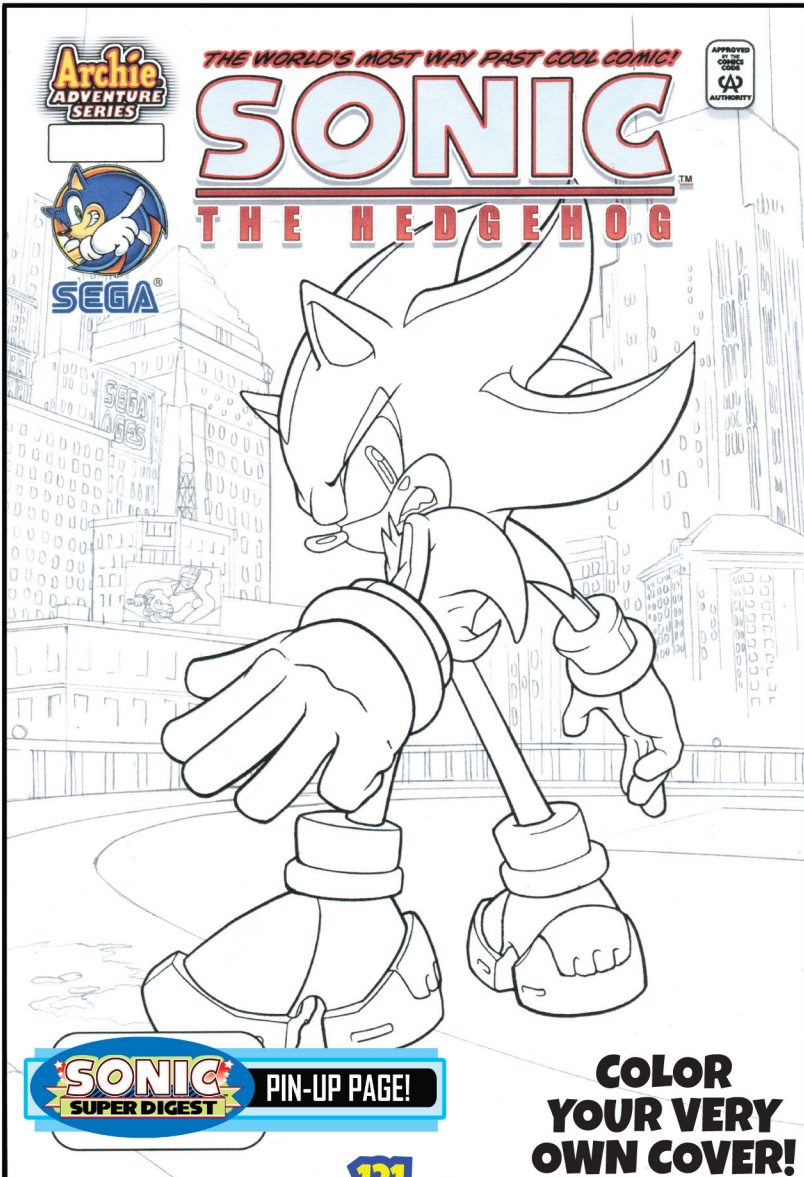
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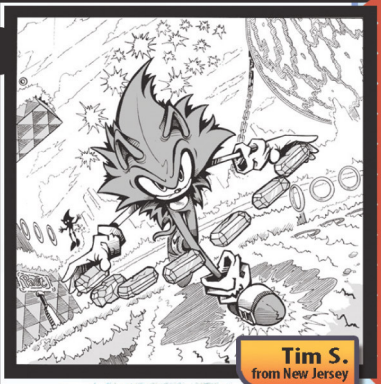

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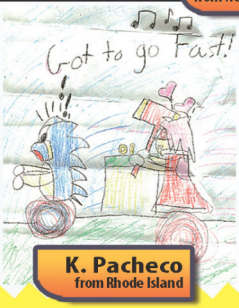

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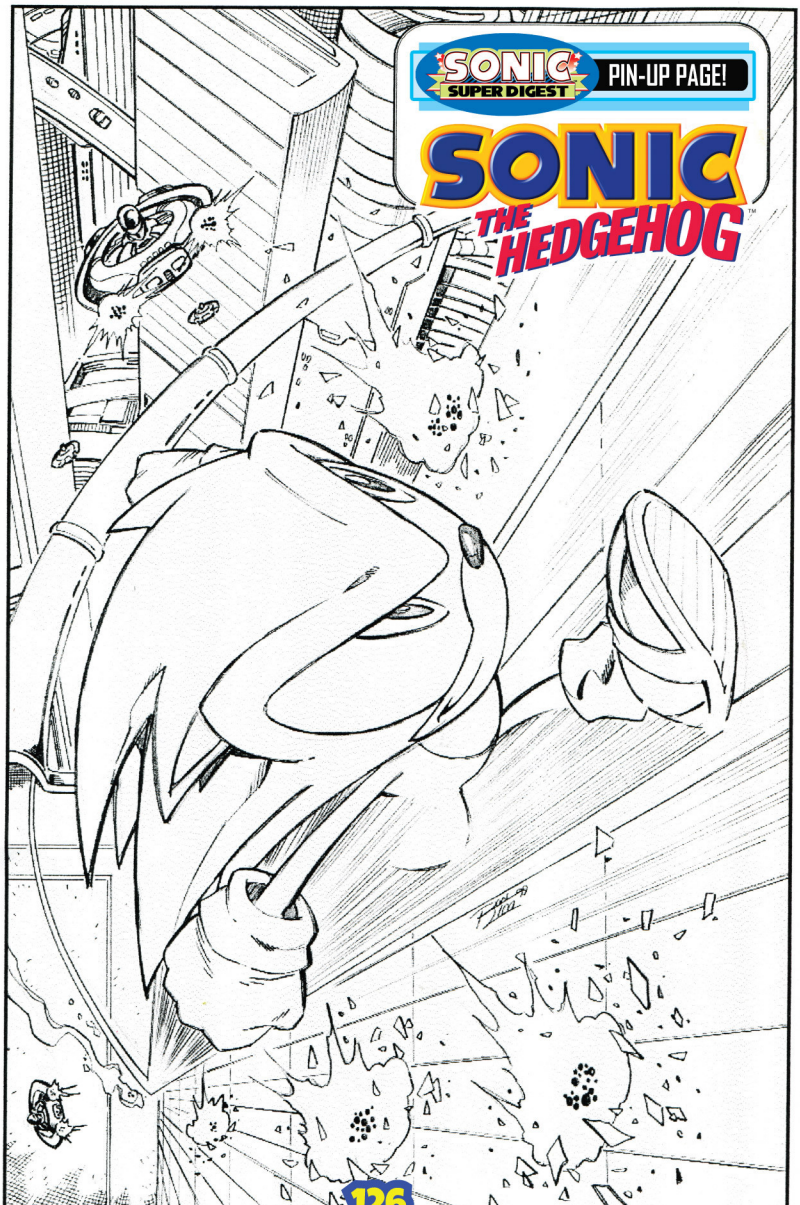
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